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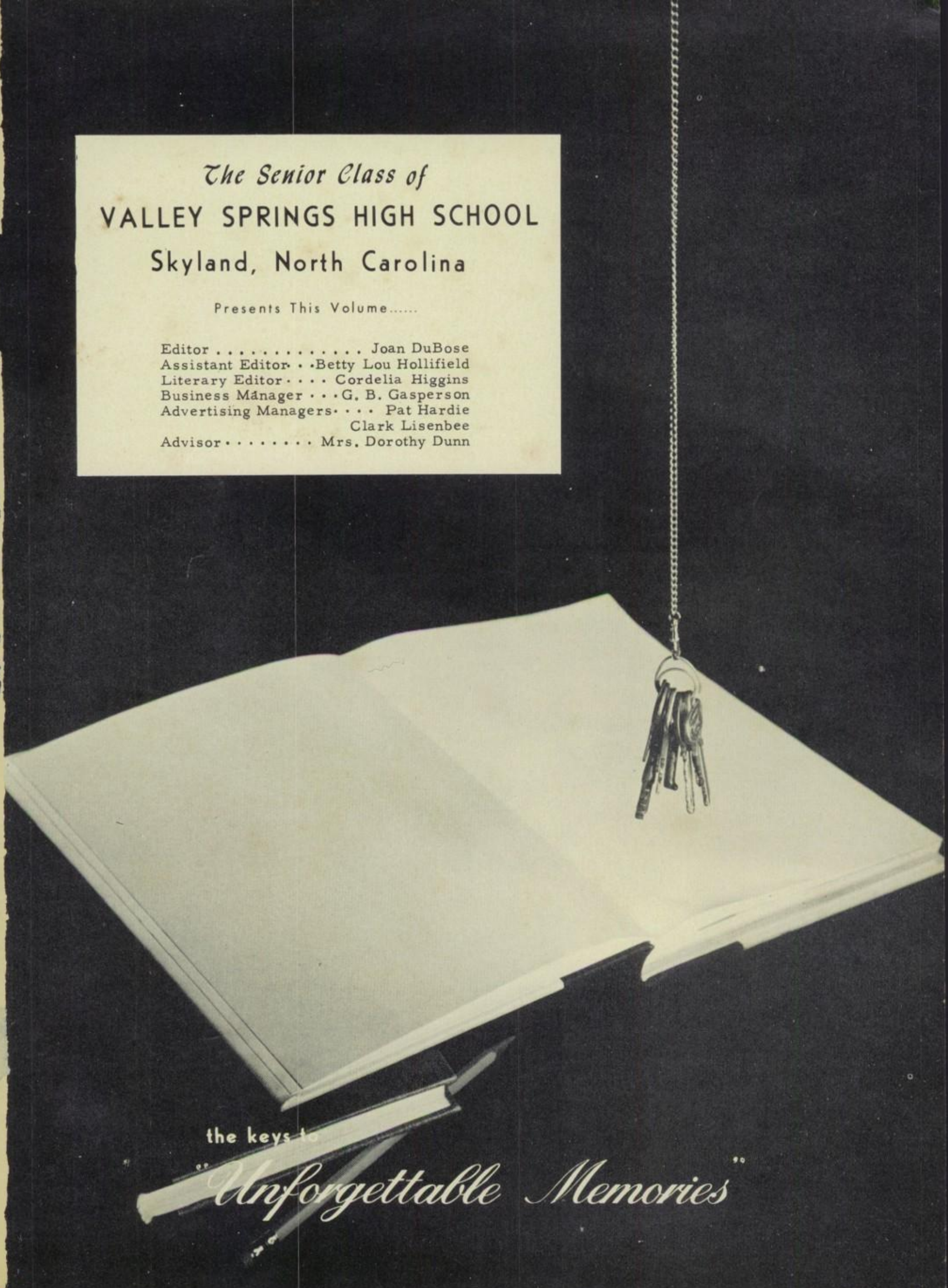

the keys to

"Unforgettable Memories"

Here we are, the seniors of 1956, in our home room, ready for a day of studies, recreation, and various activities.

Come, clasp with us the keys to Knowledge and join in for a day in the school year of 1955-1956 and - - -

THE 1956

SKYLARK

....You And We Will Have....

..."These Moments To Remember"...

Yearbook awards at the Editor's Roundtable

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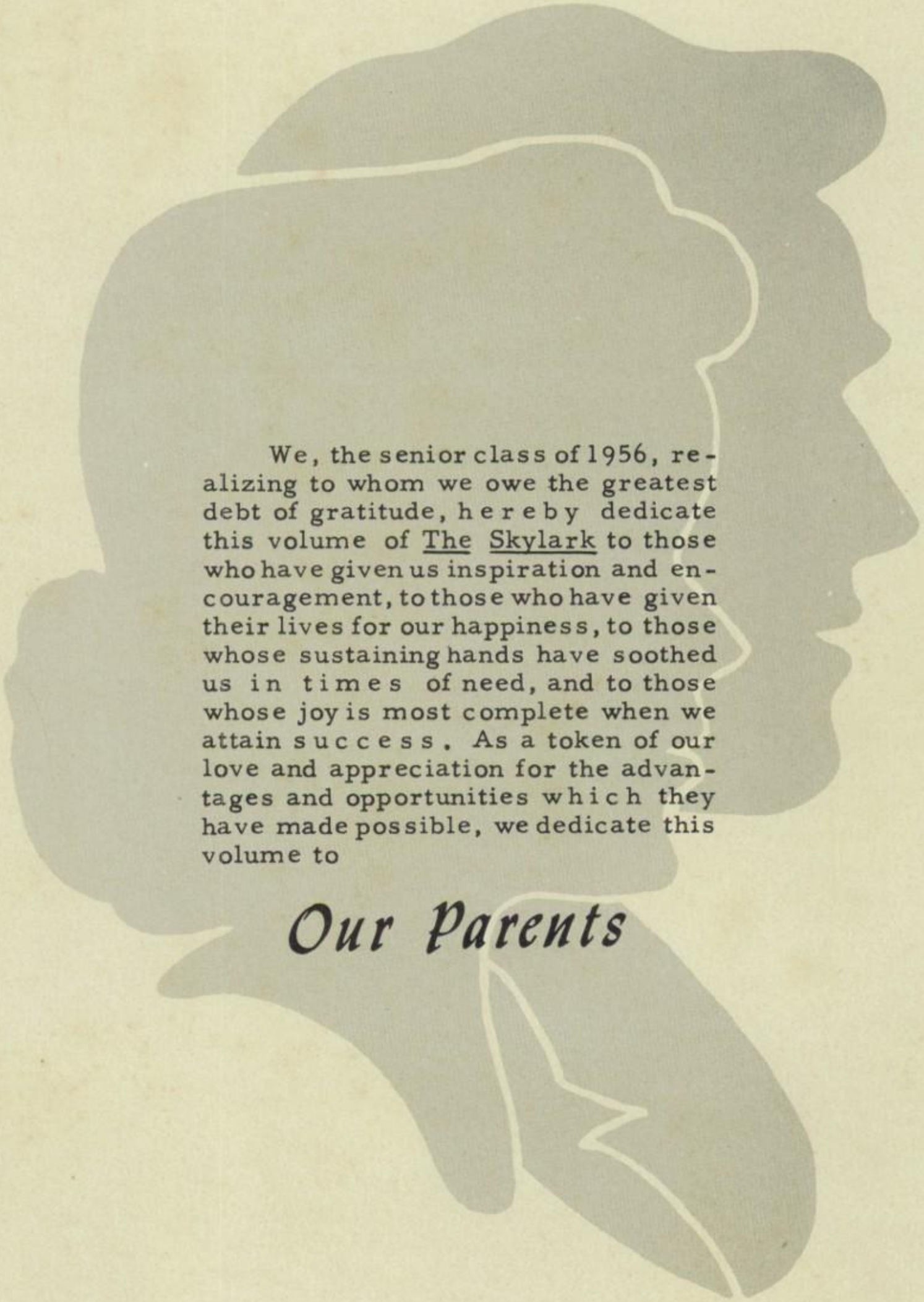

We, the senior class of 1956, realizing to whom we owe the greatest debt of gratitude, hereby dedicate this volume of The Skylark to those who have given us inspiration and encouragement, to those who have given their lives for our happiness, to those whose sustaining hands have soothed us in times of need, and to those whose joy is most complete when we attain success. As a token of our love and appreciation for the advantages and opportunities which they have made possible, we dedicate this volume to

Our Parents

Dedication

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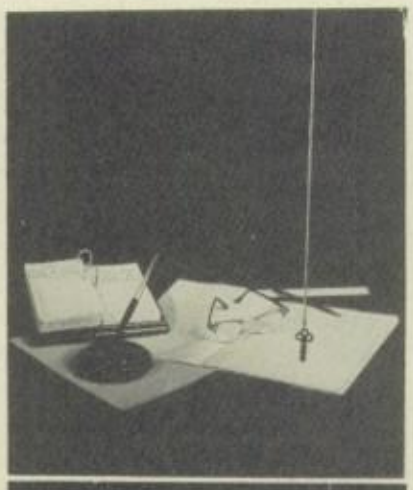

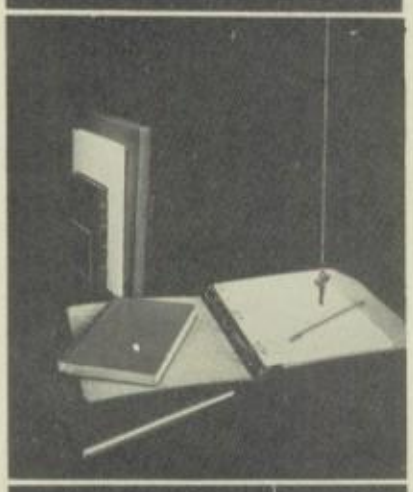

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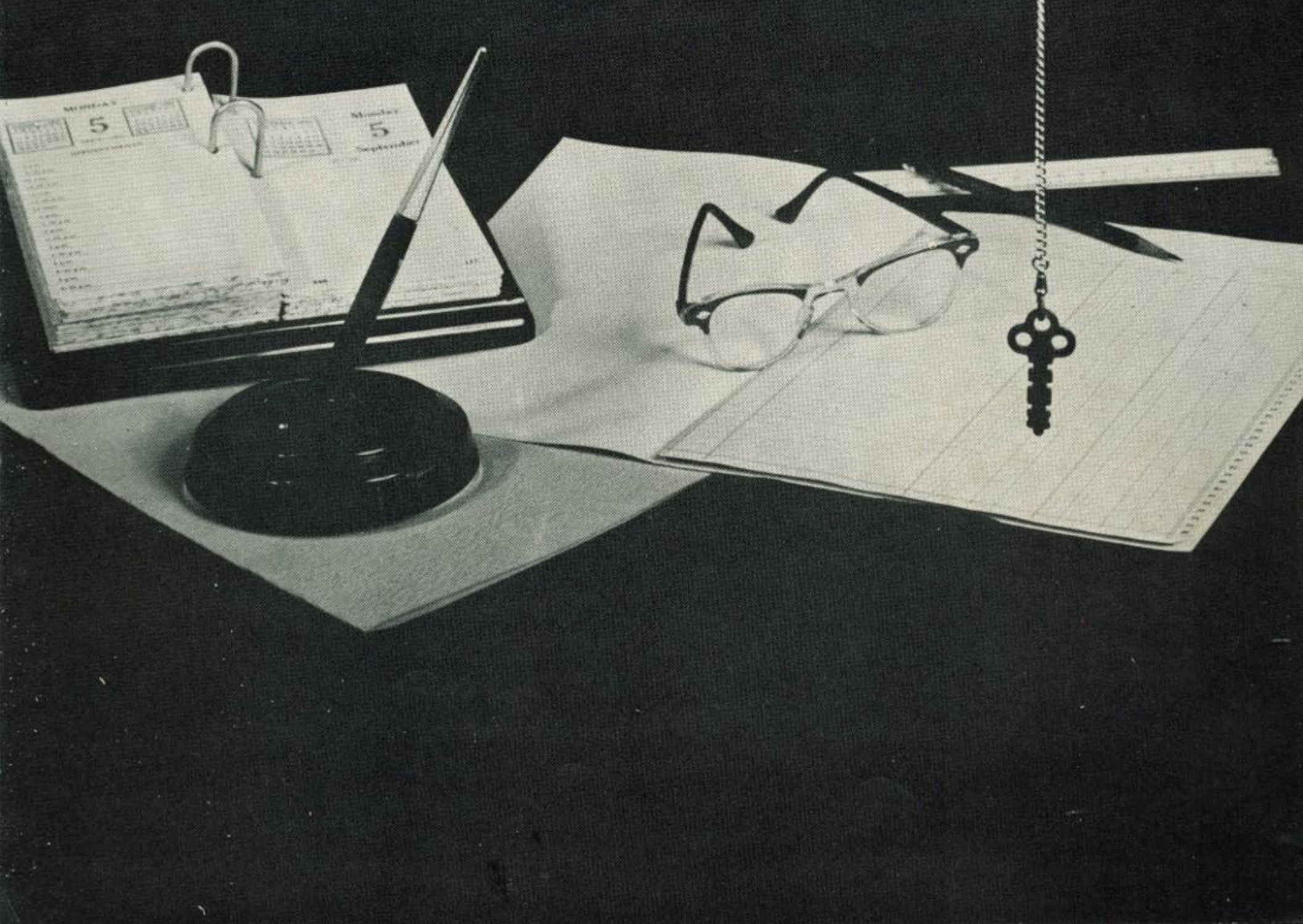

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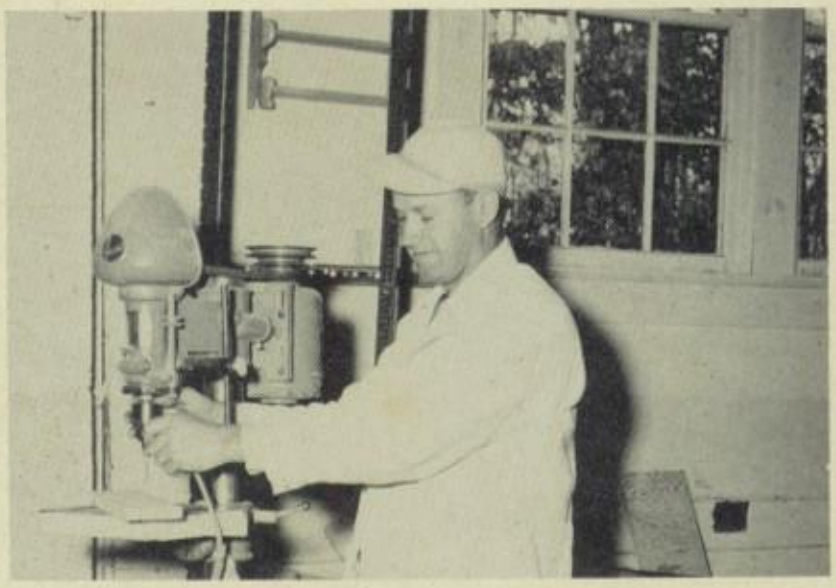

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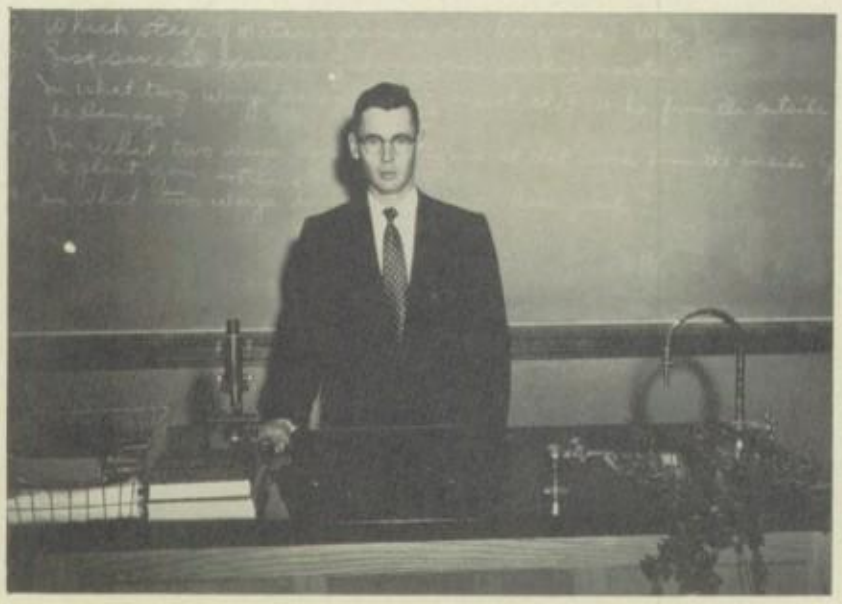

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And now the little girl from Fontain Ave. has had the pleasure of being associated with me!! Best of everything to a wonderful sweet girl.
Norma Morgan

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Deborah, it's been a pleasure to teach you this year. You are the best. Good luck
Mr Rhodes

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Usted es una alumna buena - felices dias.
Señorita Martha Stevens

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TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1956

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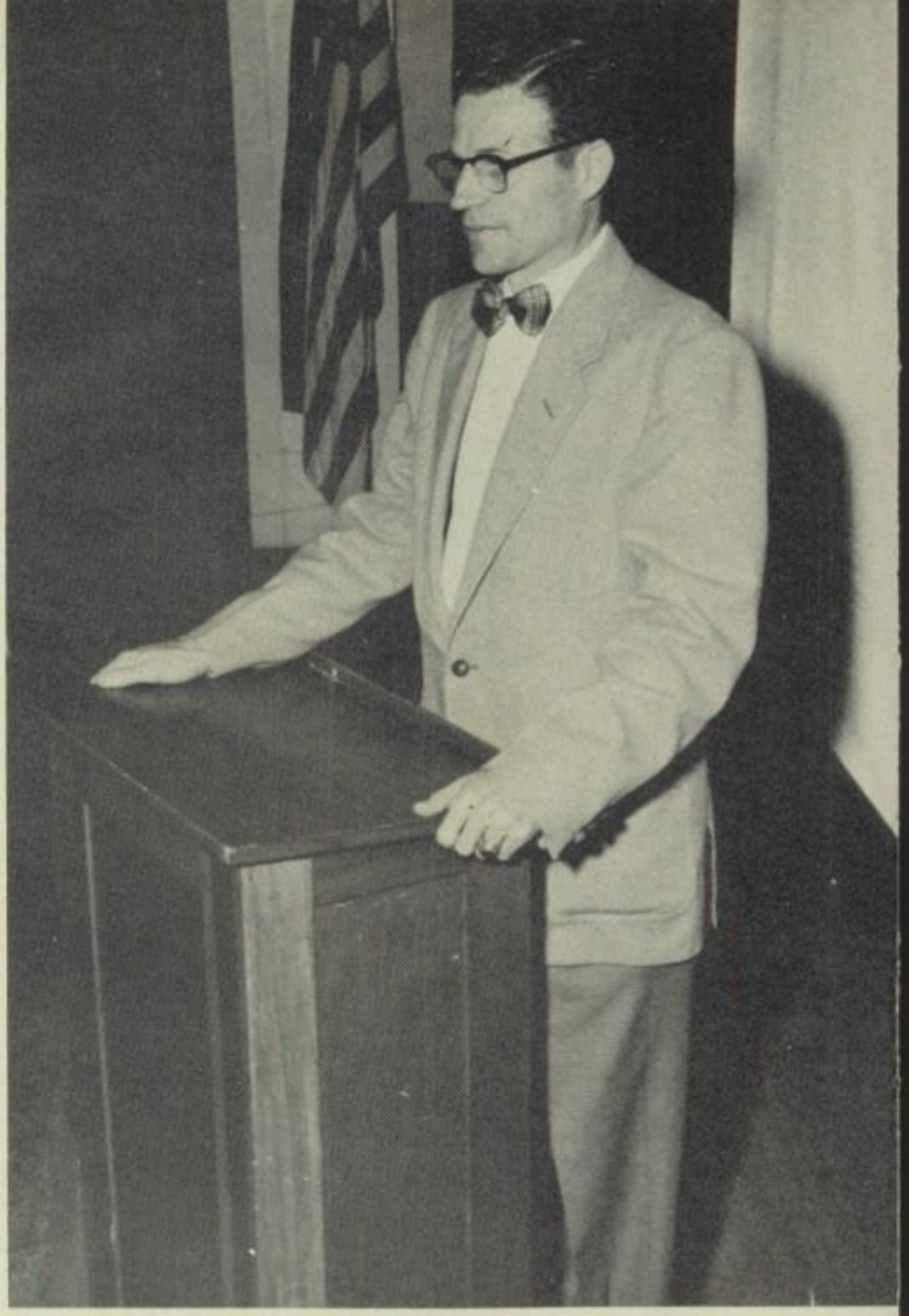

The faculty of Valley Springs High School has observed, with pride, your growth in all the fields of human endeavor over the past four years. Your progress as a group and as an individual has been quite gratifying to the people that have been most interested in your success. One very outstanding characteristic of your group has been your ability to get along within your group and among other groups. In times when industry considers that the chief reason for failure is the inability to get along with people, this is an important asset for you. Perhaps this characteristic of yours and other groups of your age, will grow to influence our National leadership in its efforts to get along harmoniously with other peoples.

When we stop to consider by what criterion we shall use, we find that it is impossible to measure the success of a person by such limited things as the amount of money he accumulates, the power he builds up, or the ease with which he fools people. No, success is not a stagnate state of being which one reaches and then stops; rather it is a process, an active process with varying degrees. Success, therefore, can be measured only in terms of growth. It matters not in what field of human endeavor you are engaging, if you are growing in that field you are succeeding. When you stop growing, you will stop succeeding. We hope that you will keep that in mind throughout your life of service to man.

Valley Springs School shall miss you in years to come, but we shall follow you with interest in your wider field of service.

Sincerely,

L. Guy Ensley

Principal.

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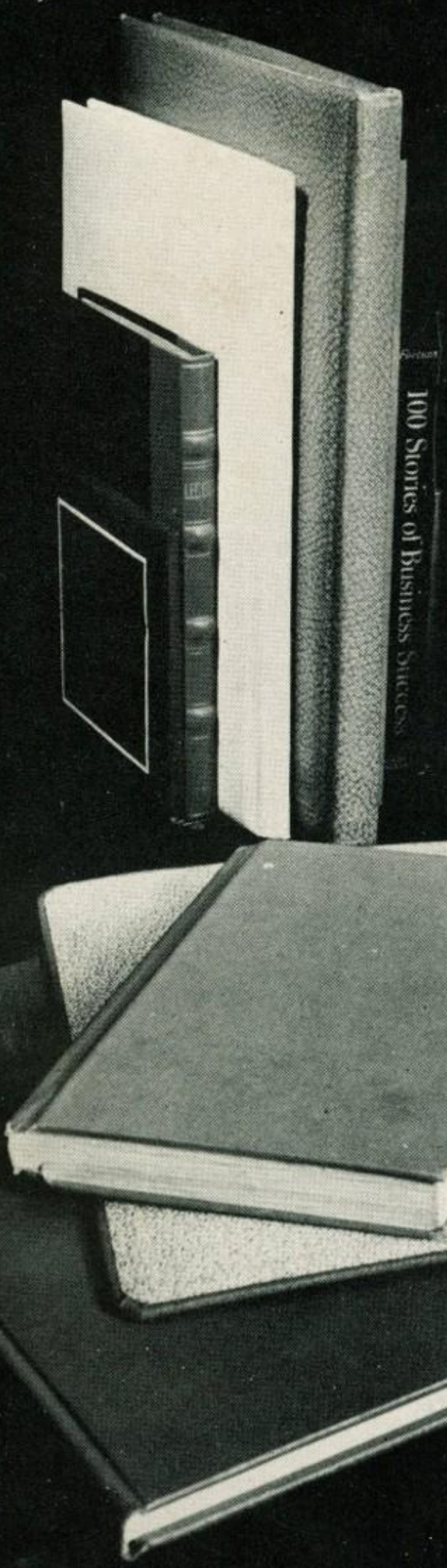
Classes



Class History

It was fall, nineteen hundred and forty-four, there sat in the first grade rooms at Valley Springs, Tommy Ann Clontz, Betty Ledbetter, Ann Creasman, Beverly Price, Clark Lisenbee, Elaine Lance, Jack Stepp, Shannon Cochrane, Roy Israel, Joan DuBose, Vickey Blythe, Ethel Kyle, Betty Lou Hollifield, Obie Moore, Maxine Treadway, Leon Metcalf, Ann Weir, George Shipman, Edith Buckner, Bill Norteman, and Boyce Kanupp.

As they grew in knowledge, they grew in number when Charles Hogsed, Ola Thain, Robert Ball and Pat Campbell came in the third grade. Pat Campbell and Bill Norteman's stay was short, but Pat Hardie enlivened their vacancies in the fourth grade.

In the fifth grade Cordelia Higgins and Franklin Jones's quiet faces appeared (or, were their looks deceiving.)

Reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic continued on as Calvin Metcalf entered in the sixth; G. B. Gasperson brought Pat Campbell back with him in the seventh, and Gail Haney in the eighth.

In the fall of 1952, fifty-nine freshmen entered high school with their ambitions high and their dreams great. It was with a feeling of confidence and hope that we entered this new phase of our school life, never dreaming of the many pleasant events that were in store for us.

It was tough, at first, but Elizabeth Tomberlin and Joan Conner bestowed joy upon the freshmen with their appearance, as Bill Norteman crept in for good.

The tenth grade brought Yvonne Kale and Norma Middleton, and we shall never forget world history.

Then, in the eleventh, we were as one, planning and attending the banquet, ordering our rings, and watching our last upper class men leave.

At last, we were seniors; our dreams had flourished. We had the school paper, annual staff, electing superlatives, senior play, ordering calling cards, invitations, and finally, our caps and gowns.

It is with sadness, and yet pleasure, we leave VSHS. We have fulfilled our ambitions and dreams, and take with us many, many pleasant memories.

To any, we advise, school is short but oh, how sweet.

Senior Class Officers

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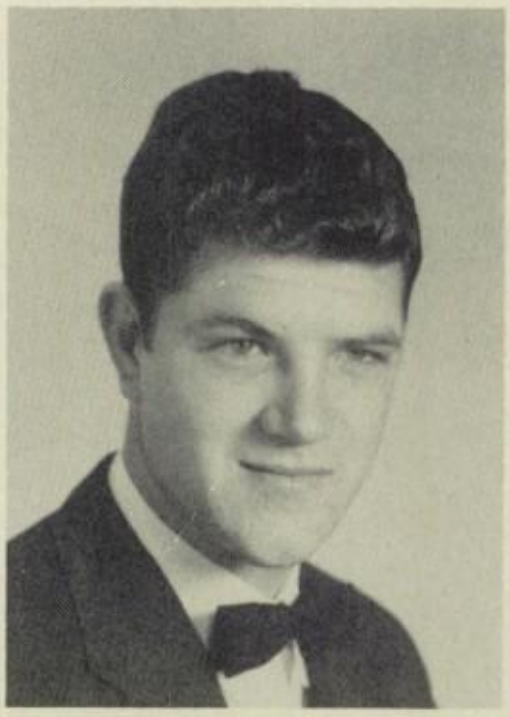
"Shug"
Betty Mae Bagwell



Robert Lee Ball

Seniors

Lucy Victoria Blythe

Love always,
Vicky

Edith Dorothy Buckner

Patricia Louise Campbell

Tommy Ann Clontz

Beverly Shannon Cochrane

Joan Frances Conner

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Clarence Vernon Cordell

Shirley Ann Creasman

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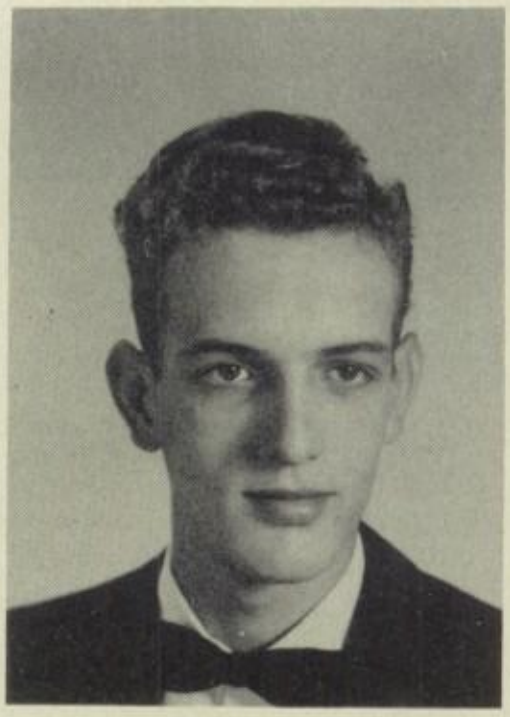

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Seniors

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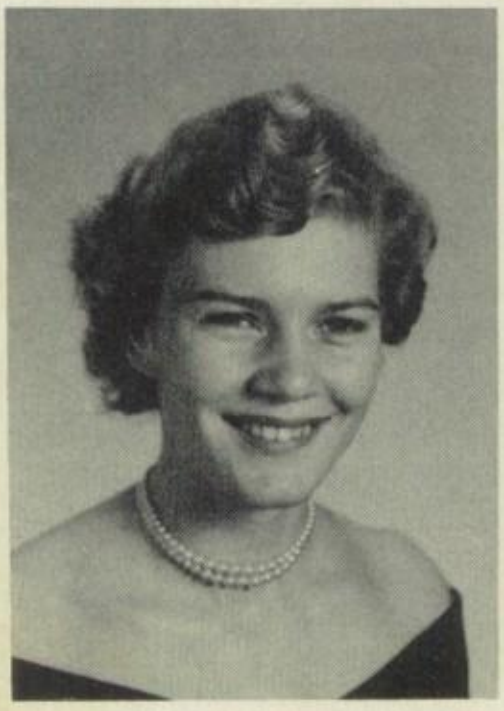

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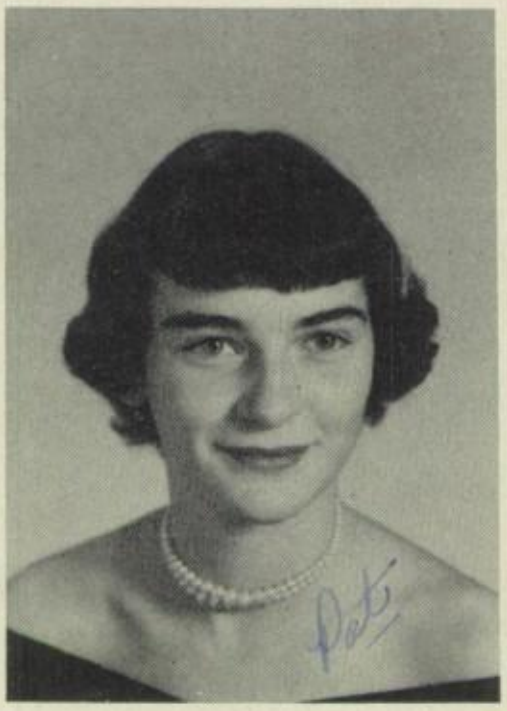

Frank William Harmon

Cordelia Louise Higgins

Charles Perry Hogsed

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Roy Randell Israel

James Franklin Jones

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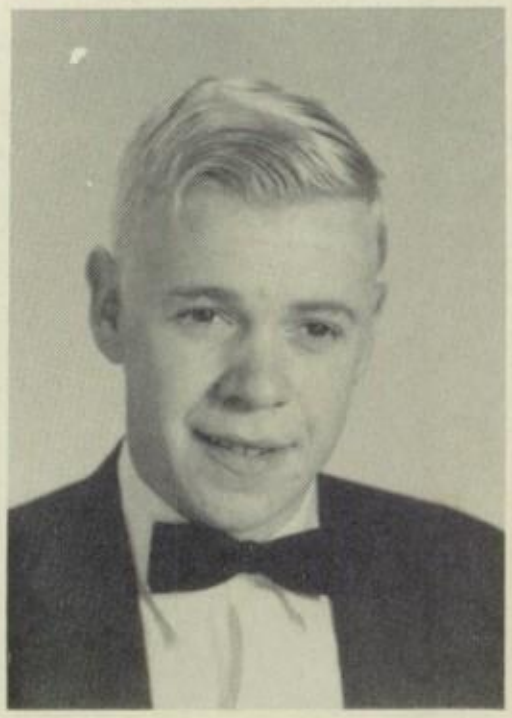
Carolyn Yvonne Kale



Boyce Ray Kanupp

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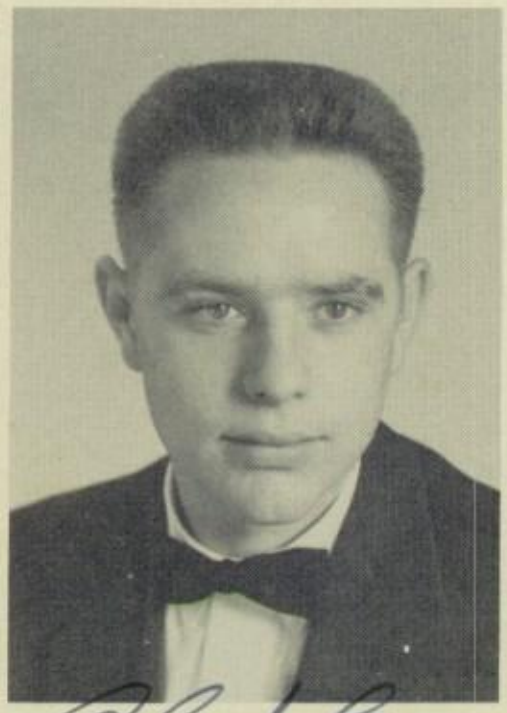
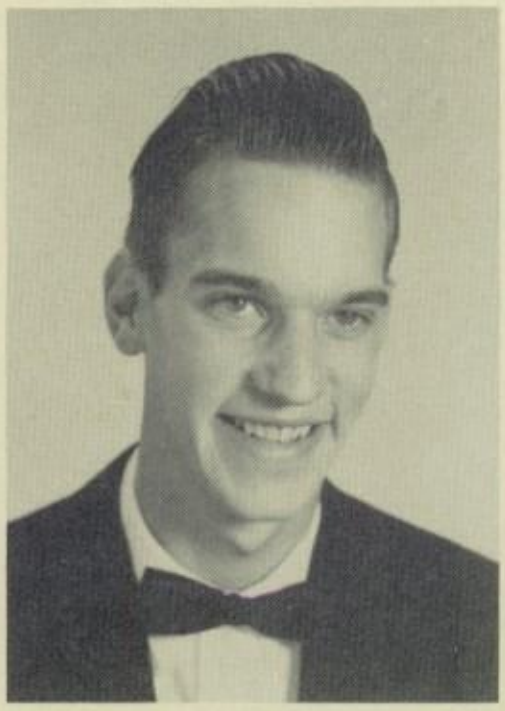


William Clark Lisenbee



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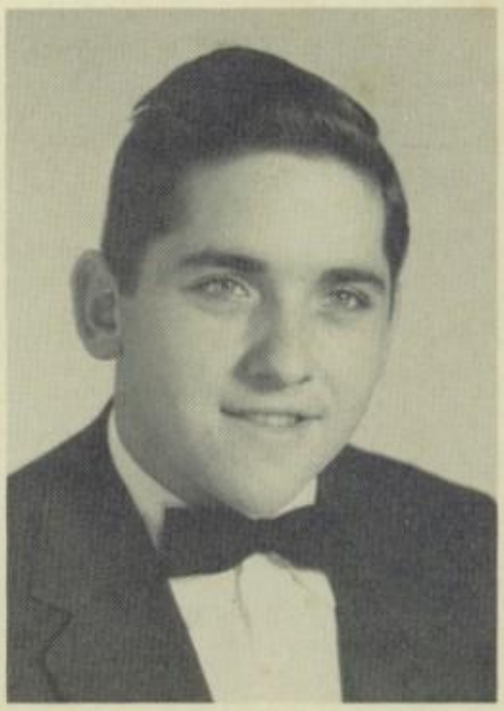

Leon Monroe Metcalf

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Norma Jeanette Middleton

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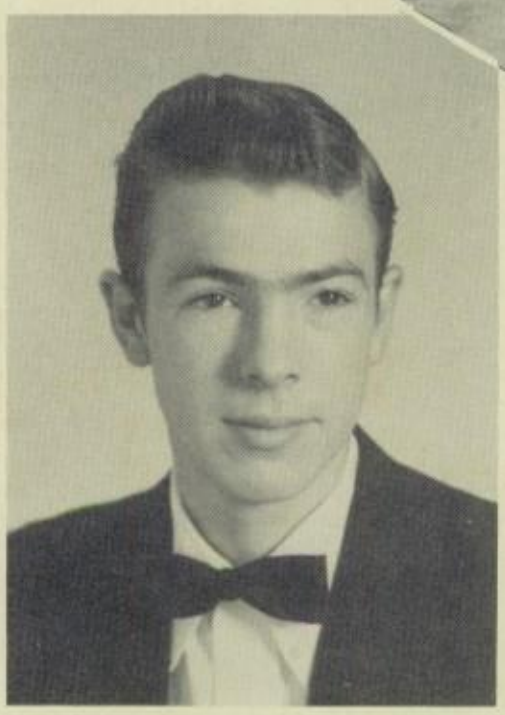

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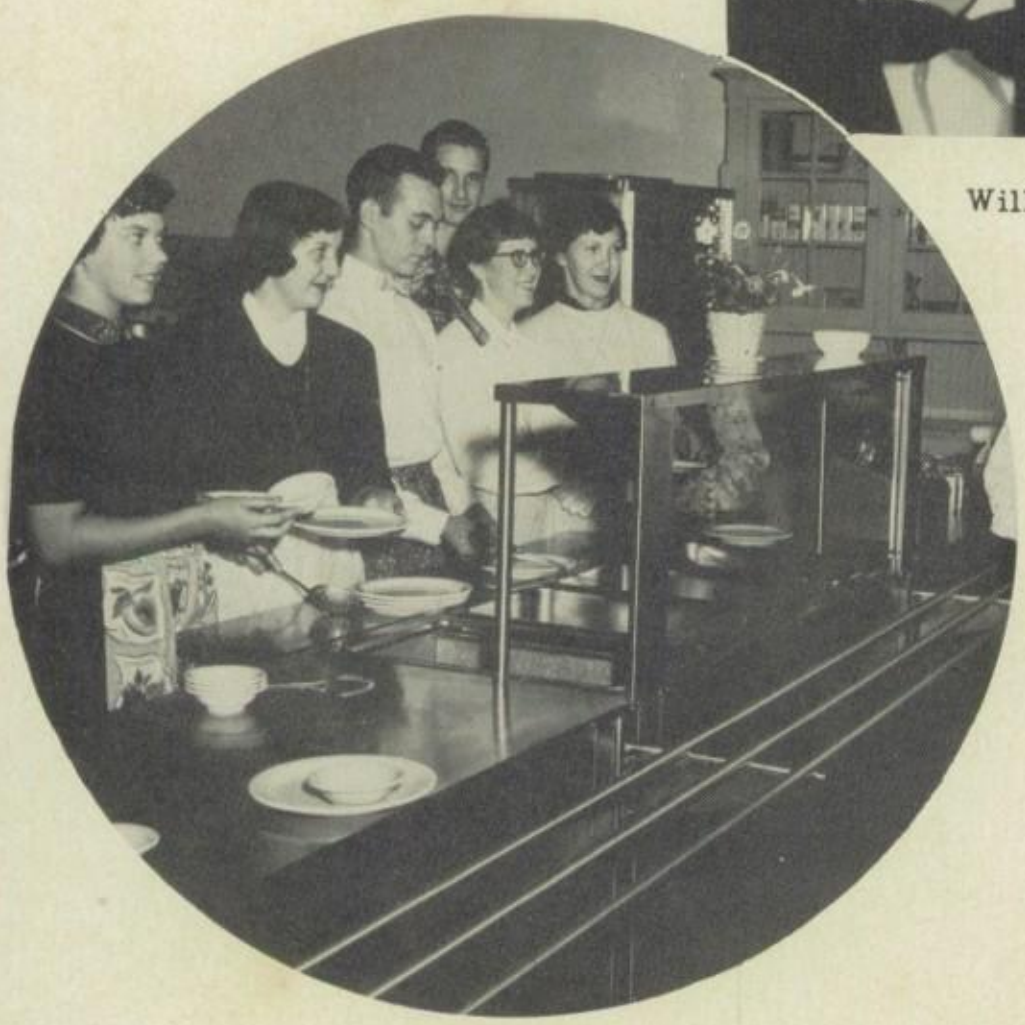

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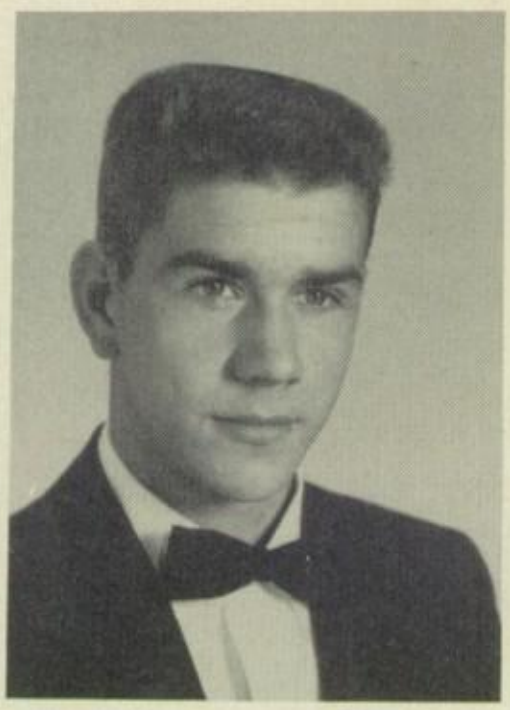

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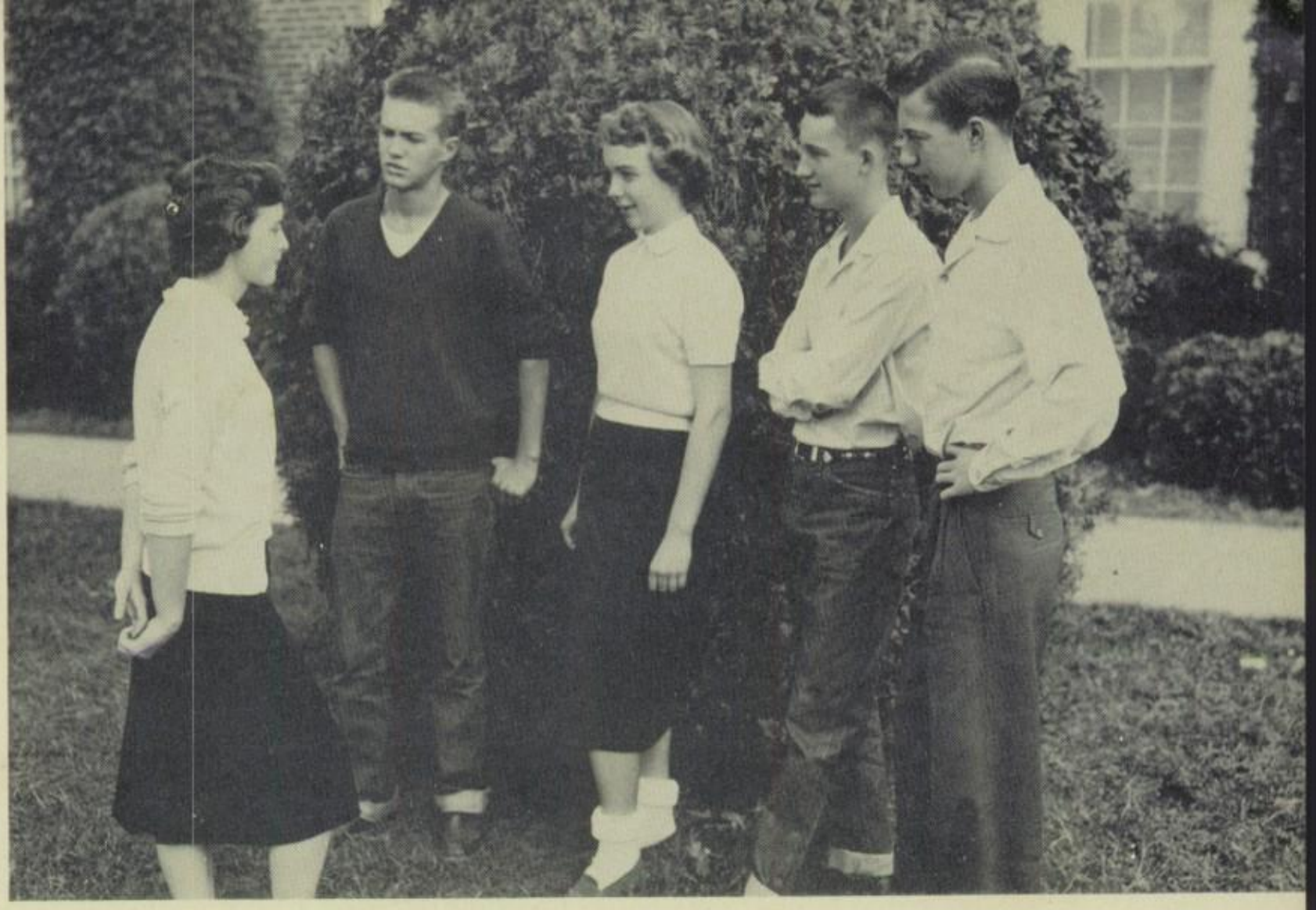

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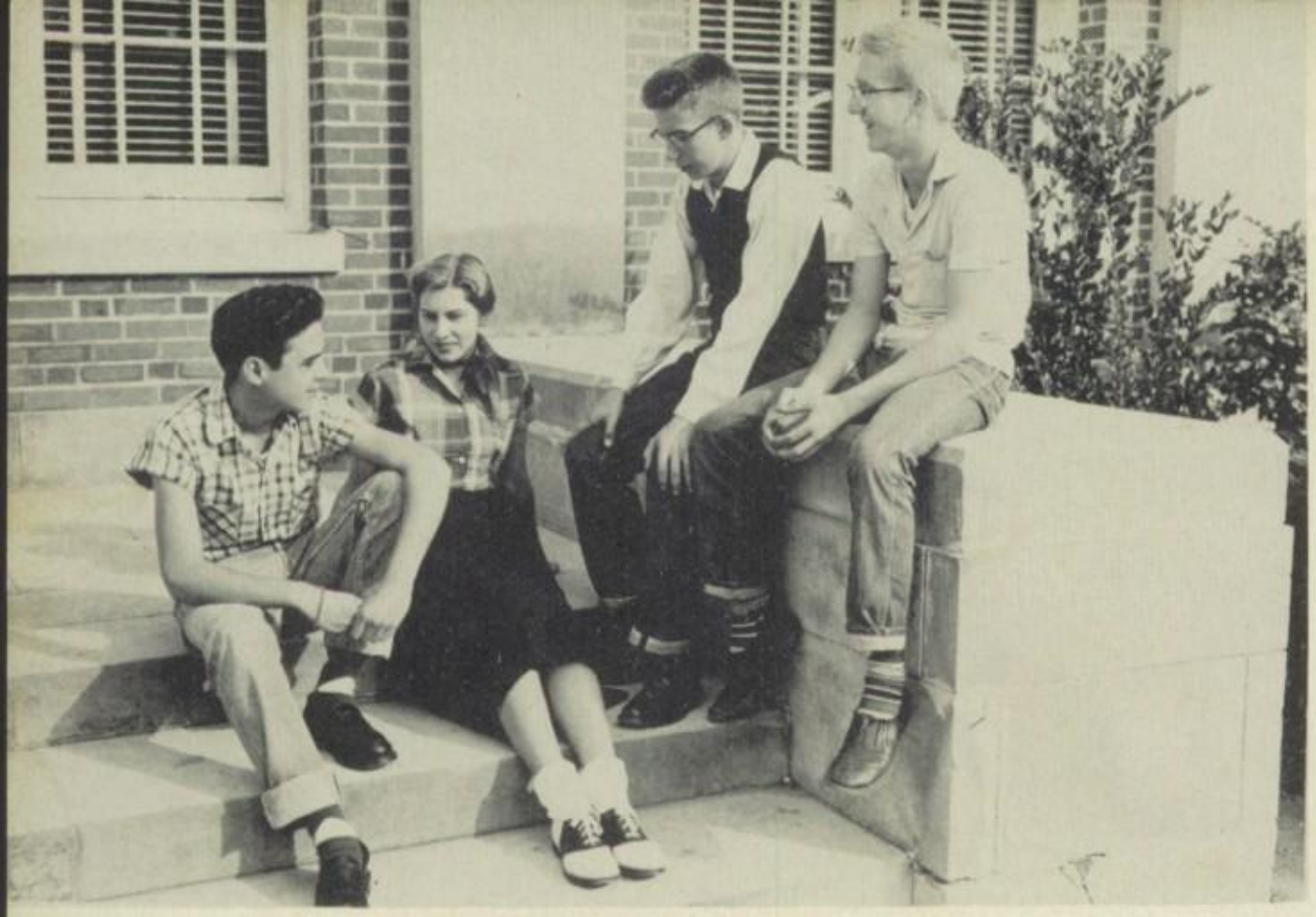

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Ruthel McJenkins
Lee Meece

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Vivian Moser
Kermit Nelson
Buddy Pinner
Juanita Pittillo

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Peggy Ray
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Steve Roberts

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Dean Tate
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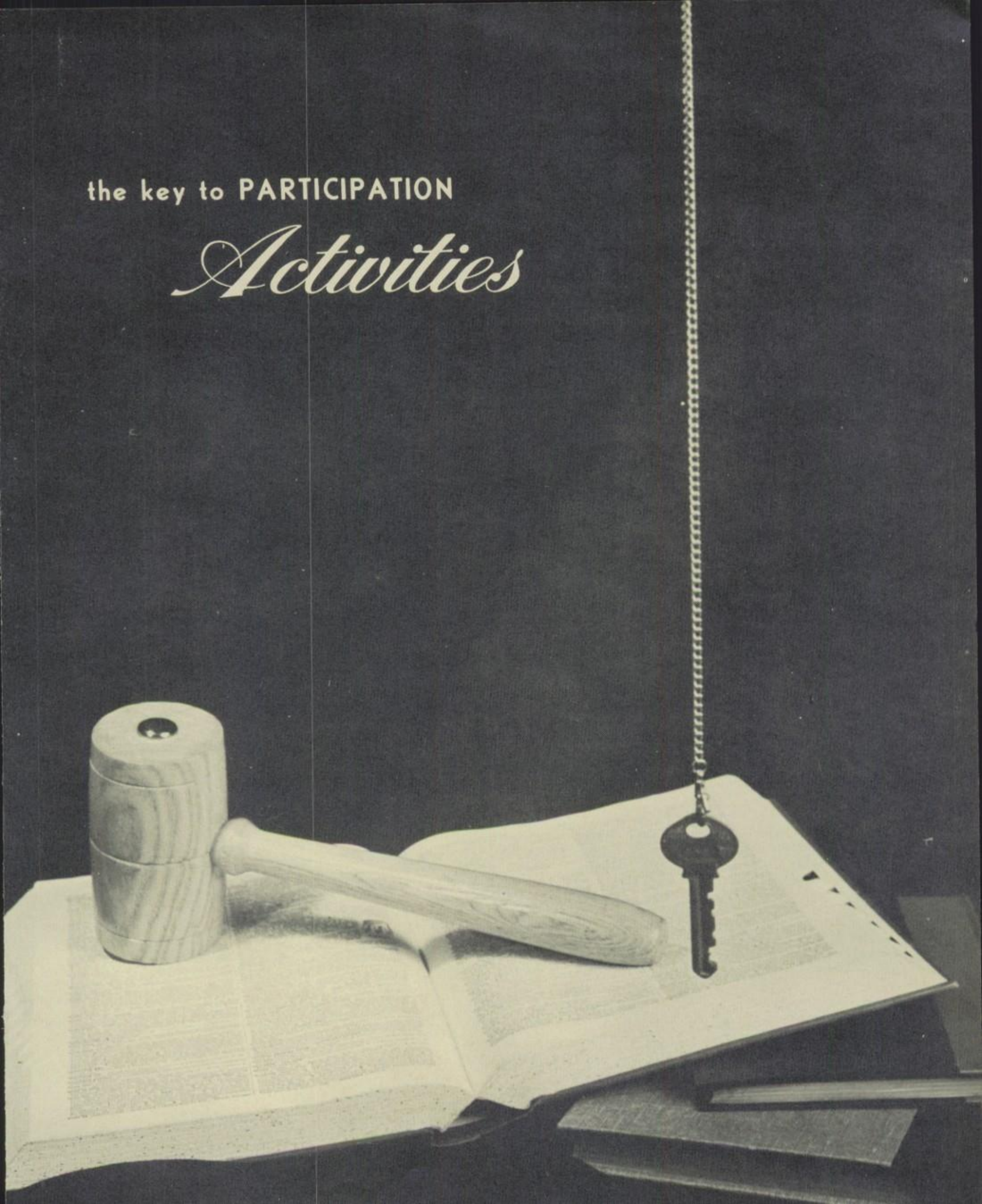

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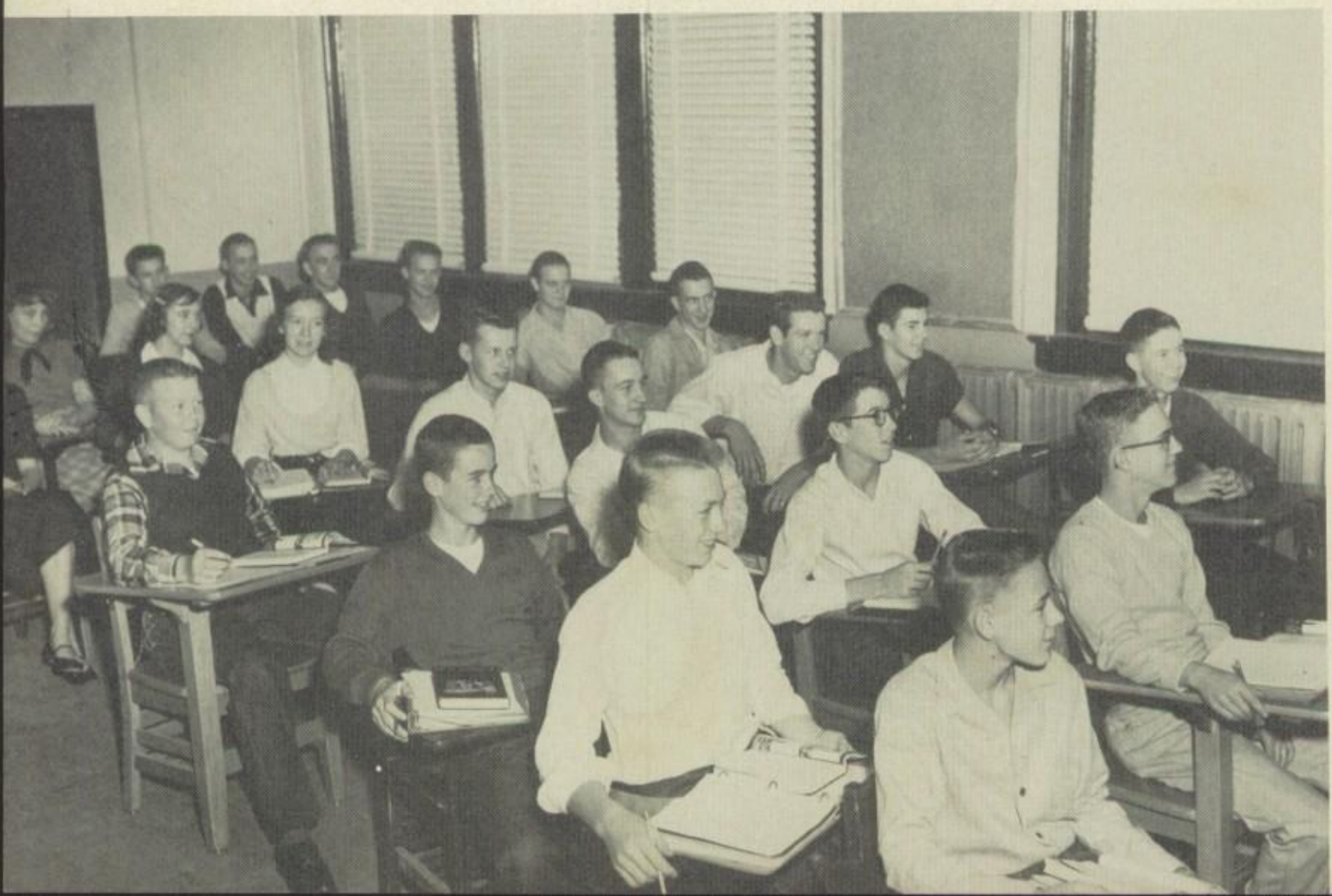

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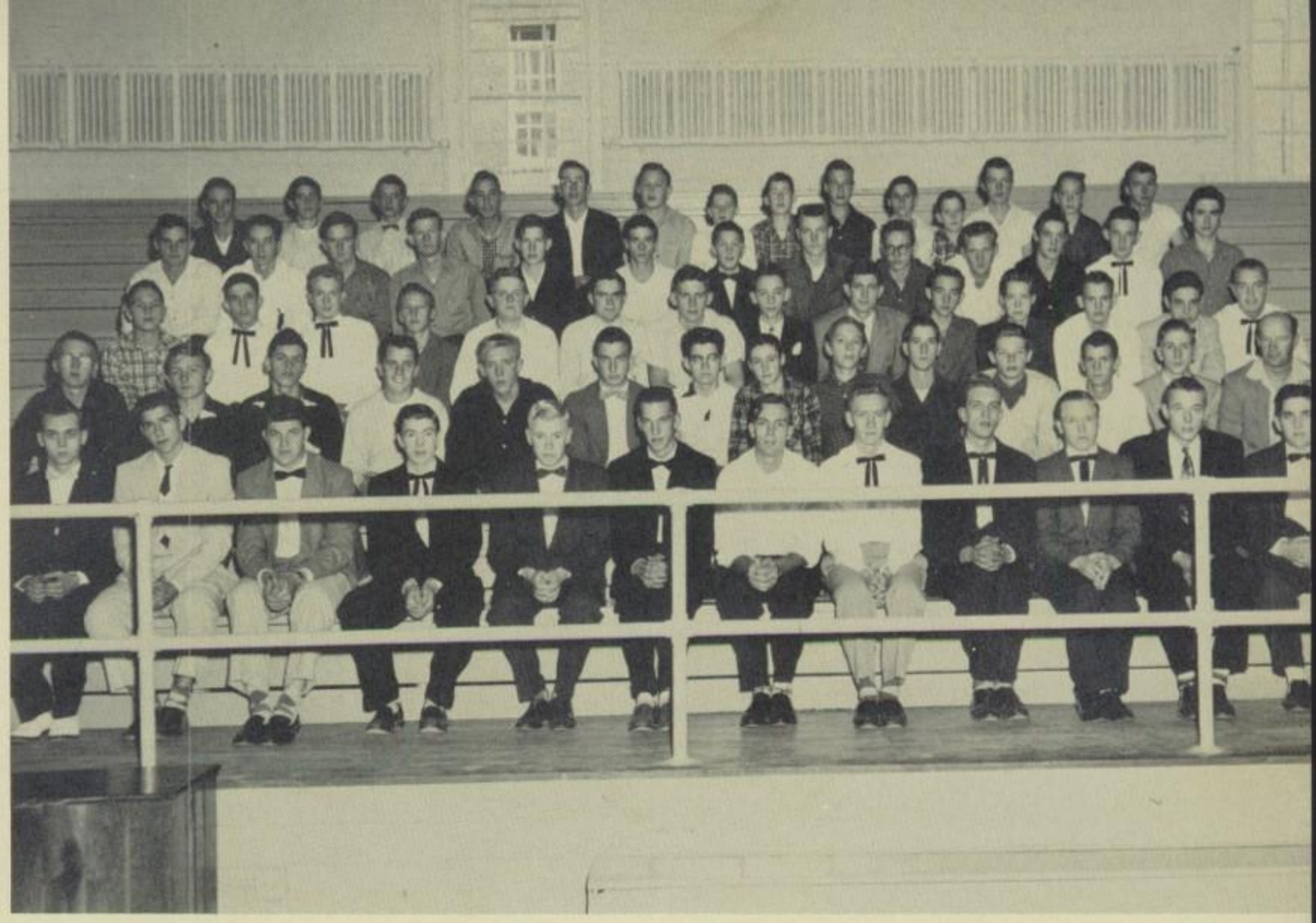

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Song Leader, Carole Spooner

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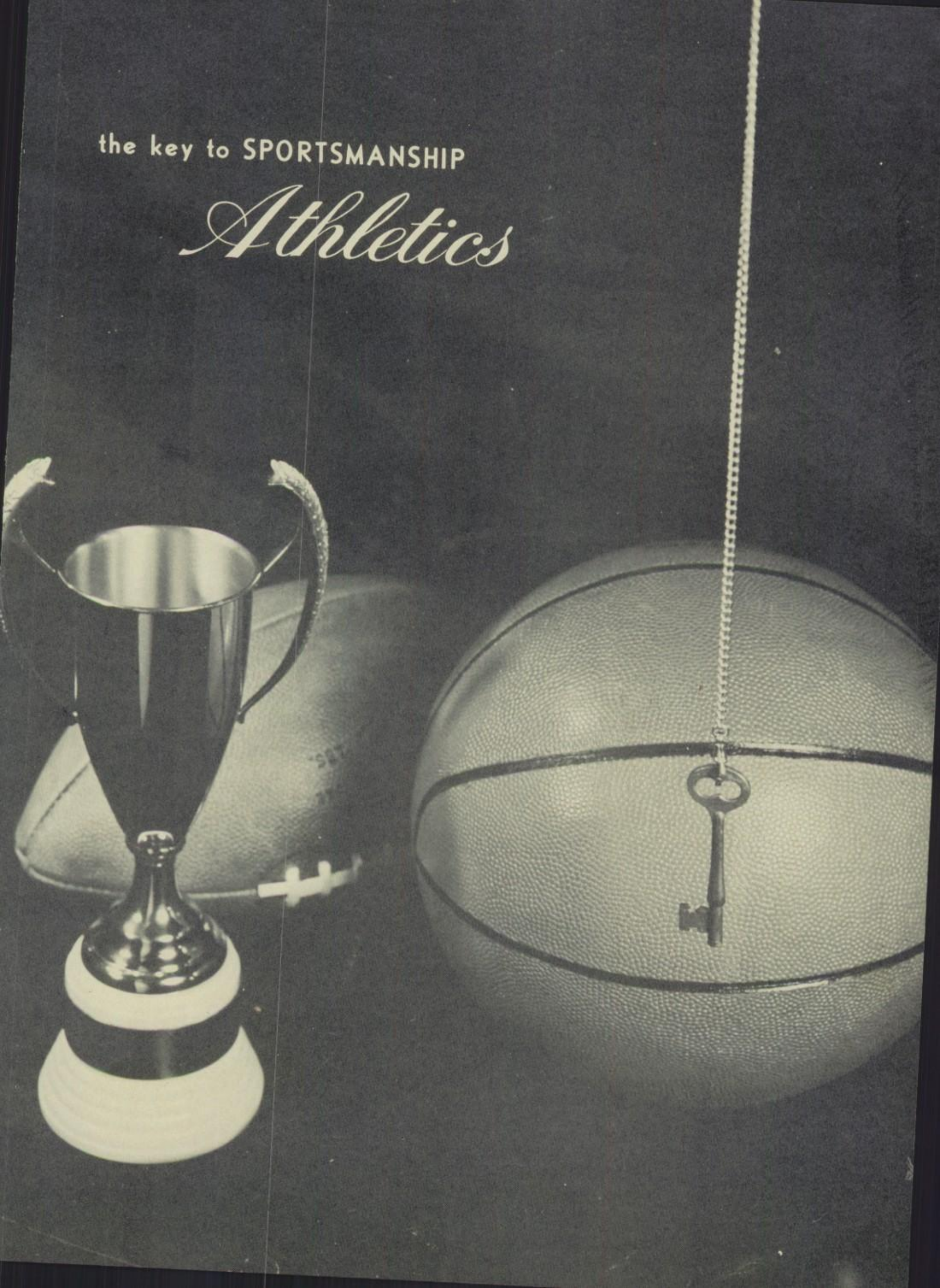
the key to SPORTSMANSHIP

Athletics



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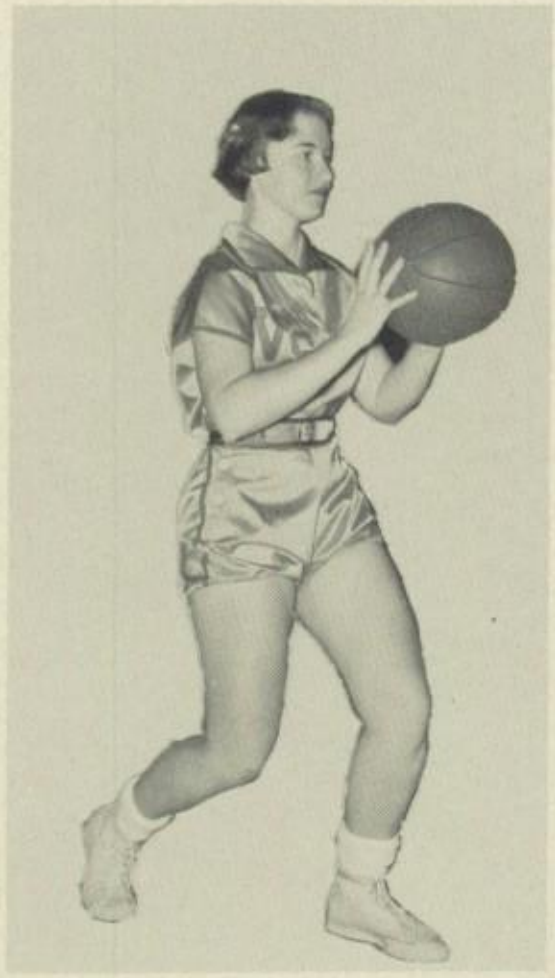

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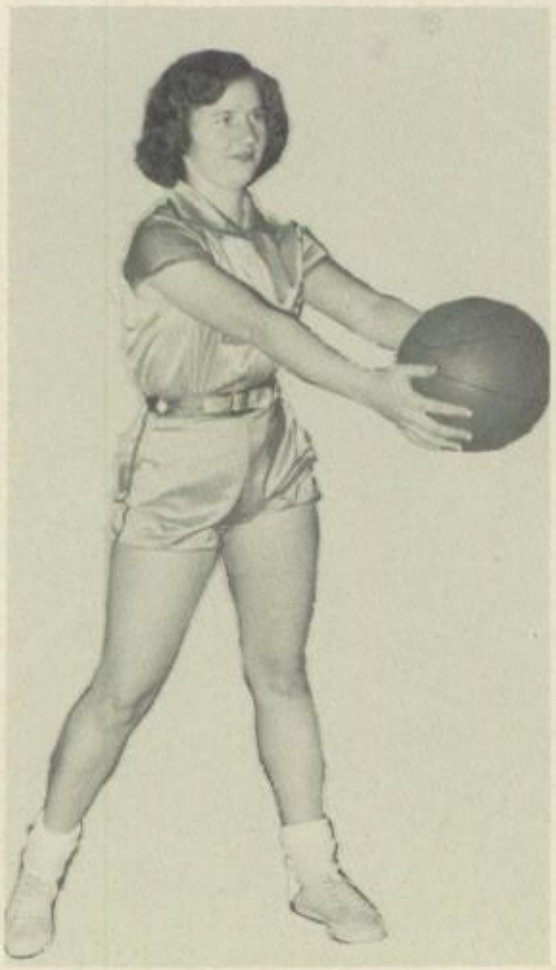

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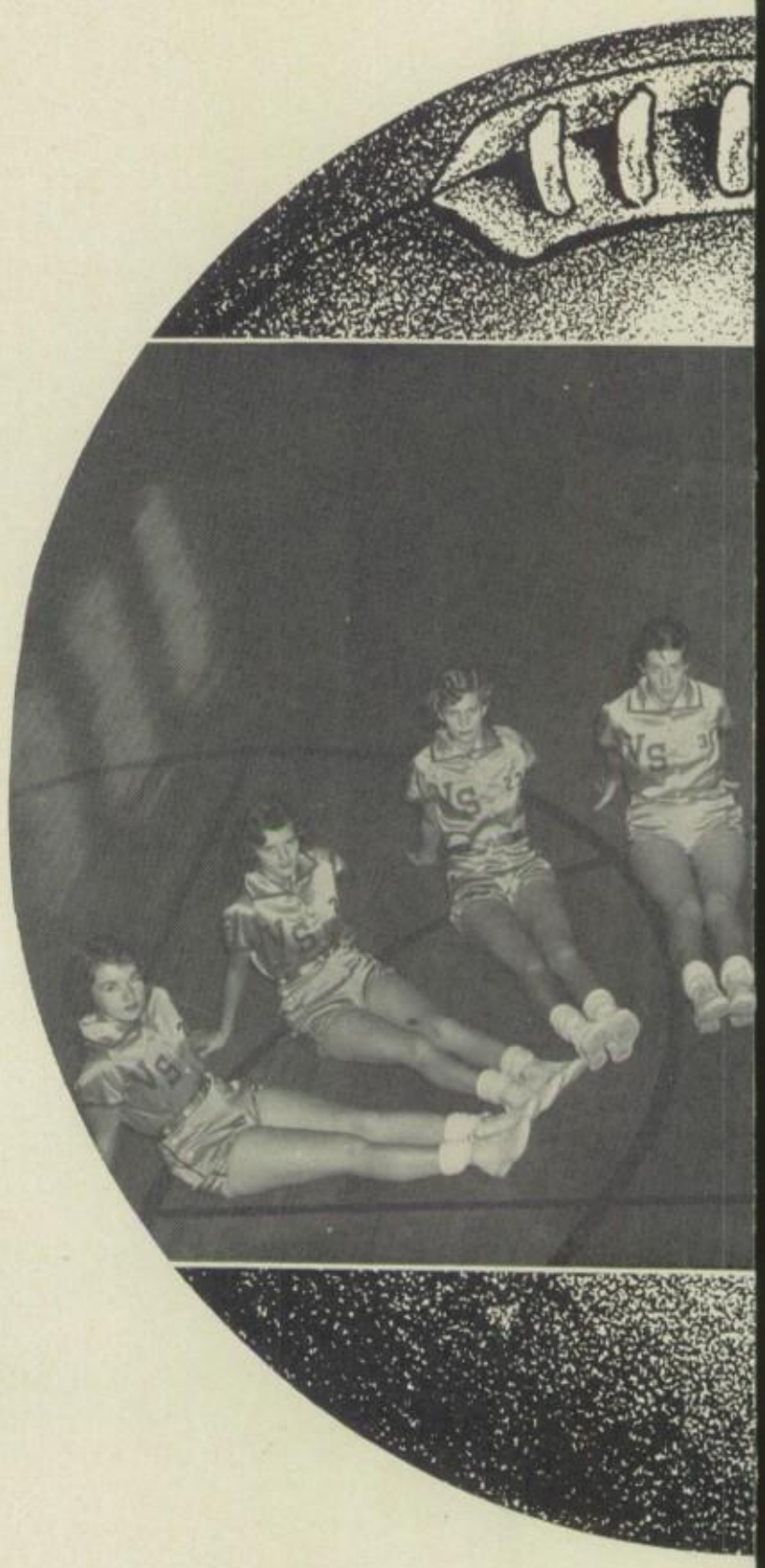

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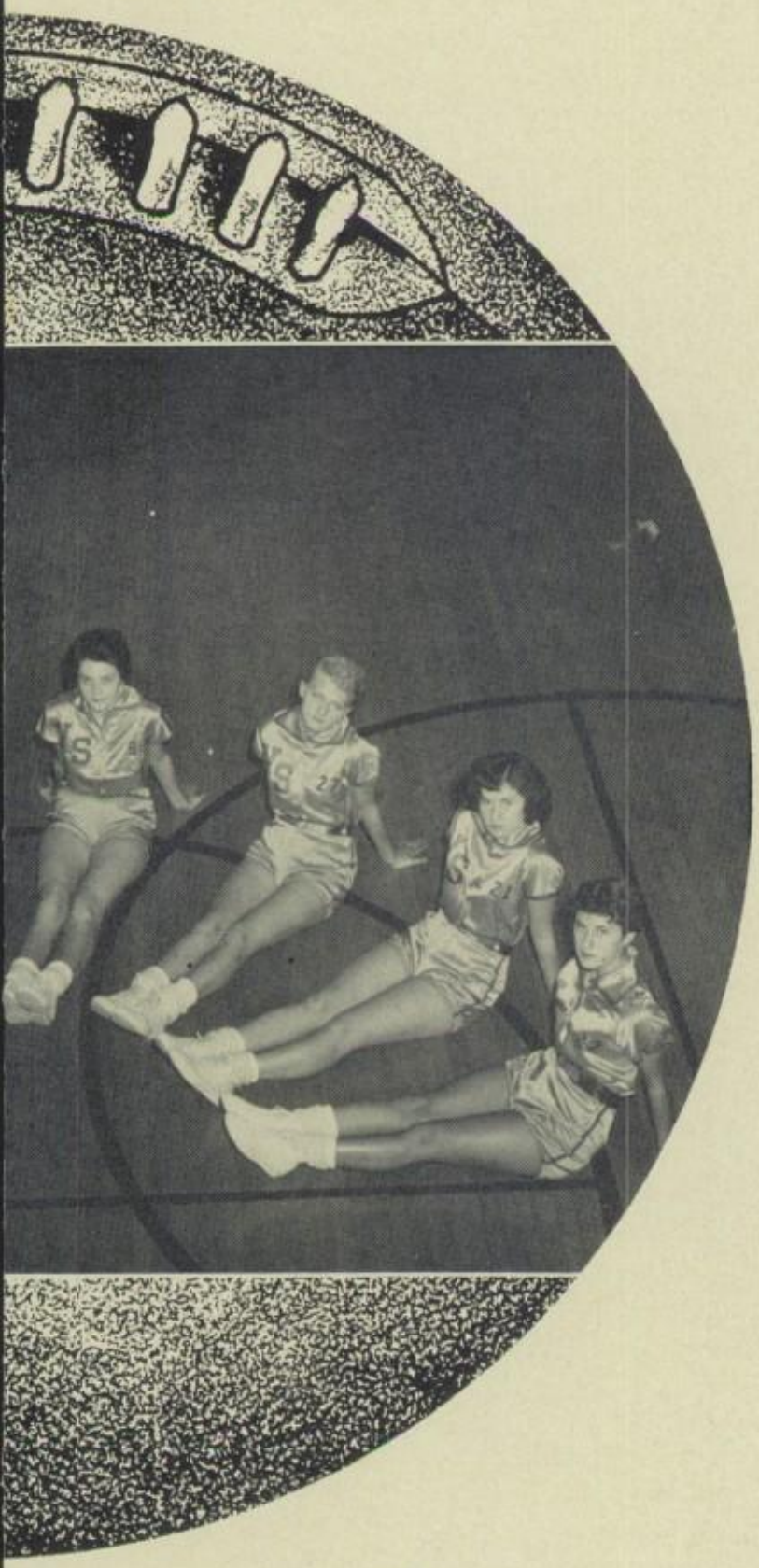
Nina Sue Cornwell

Basketball



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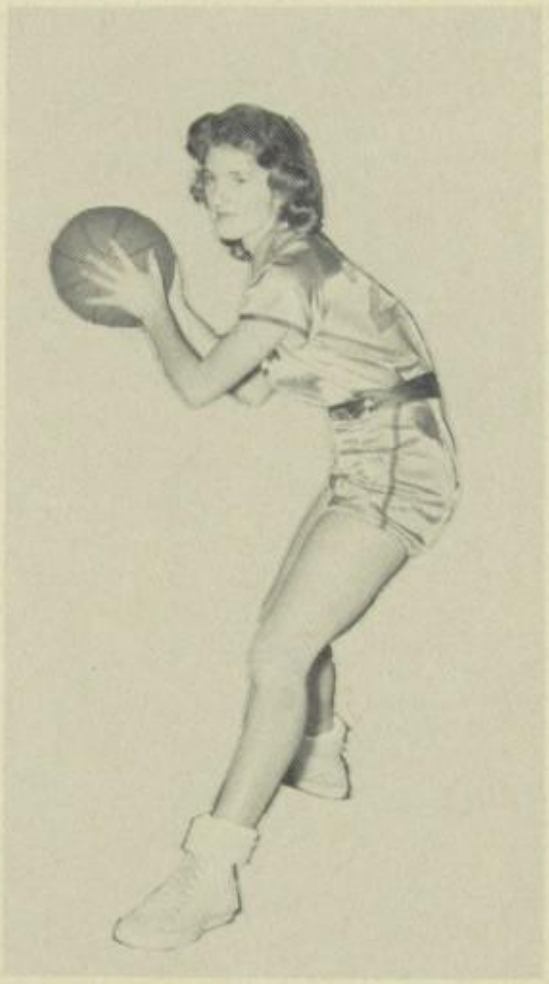
Ann Creasman



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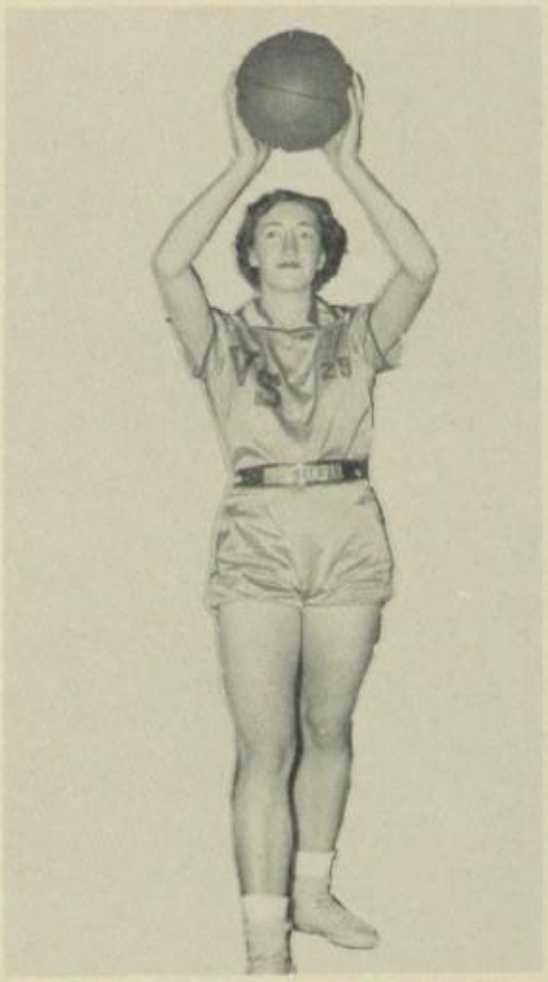

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Guard
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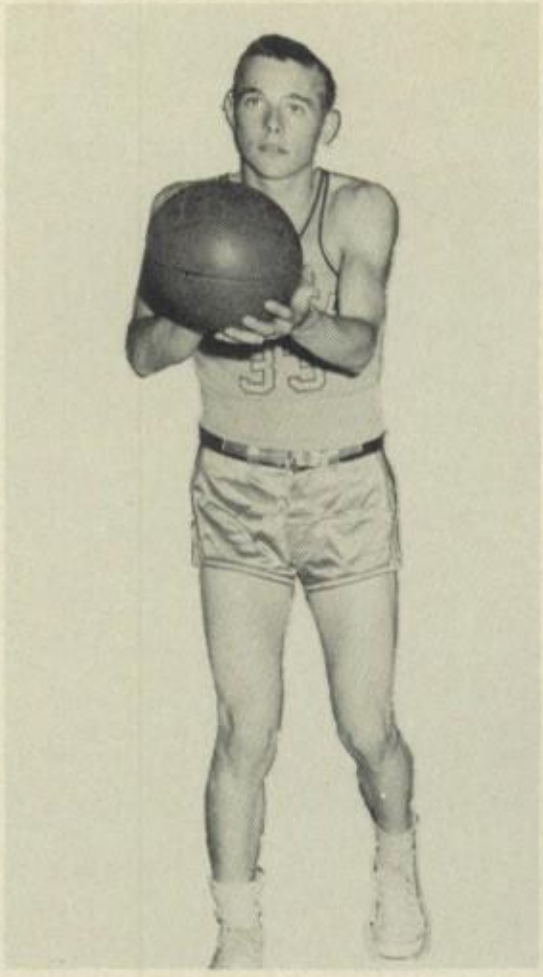
Boys'



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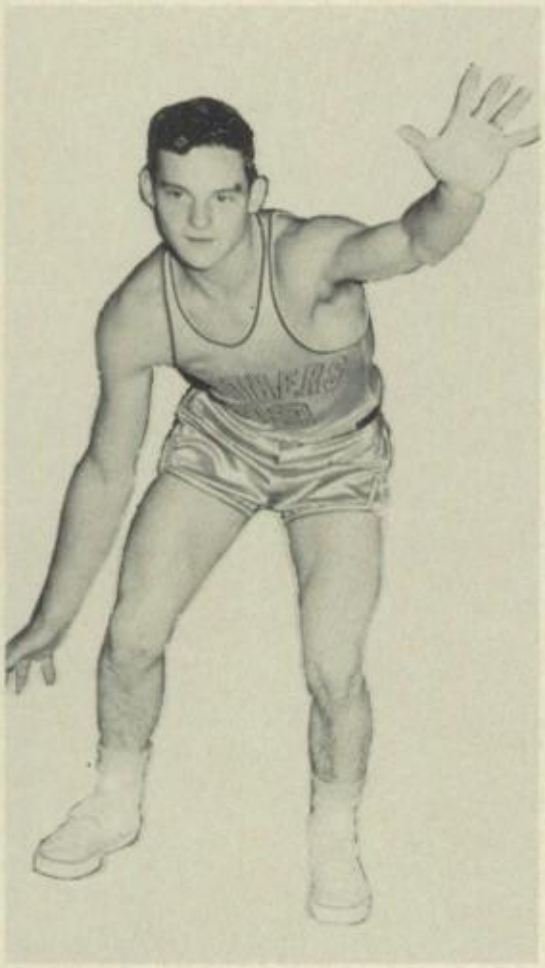

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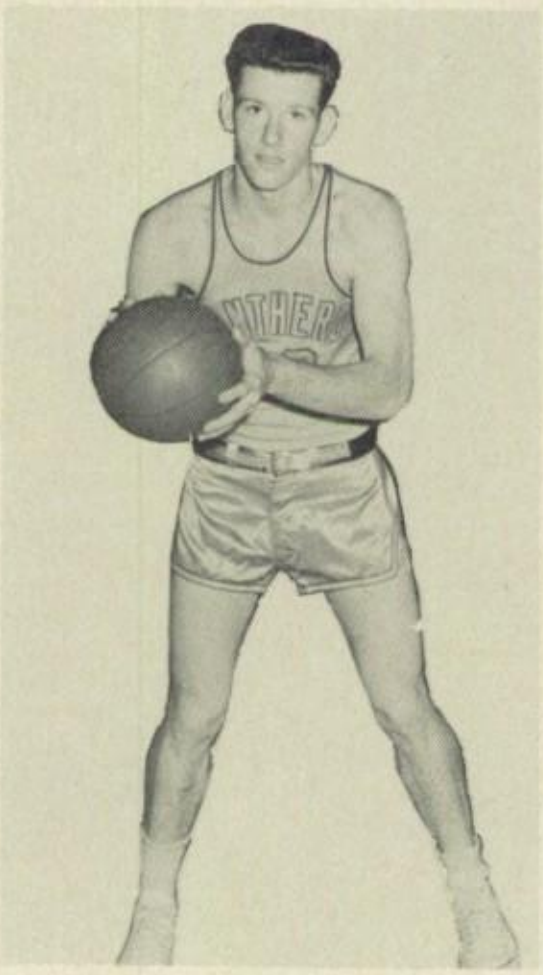

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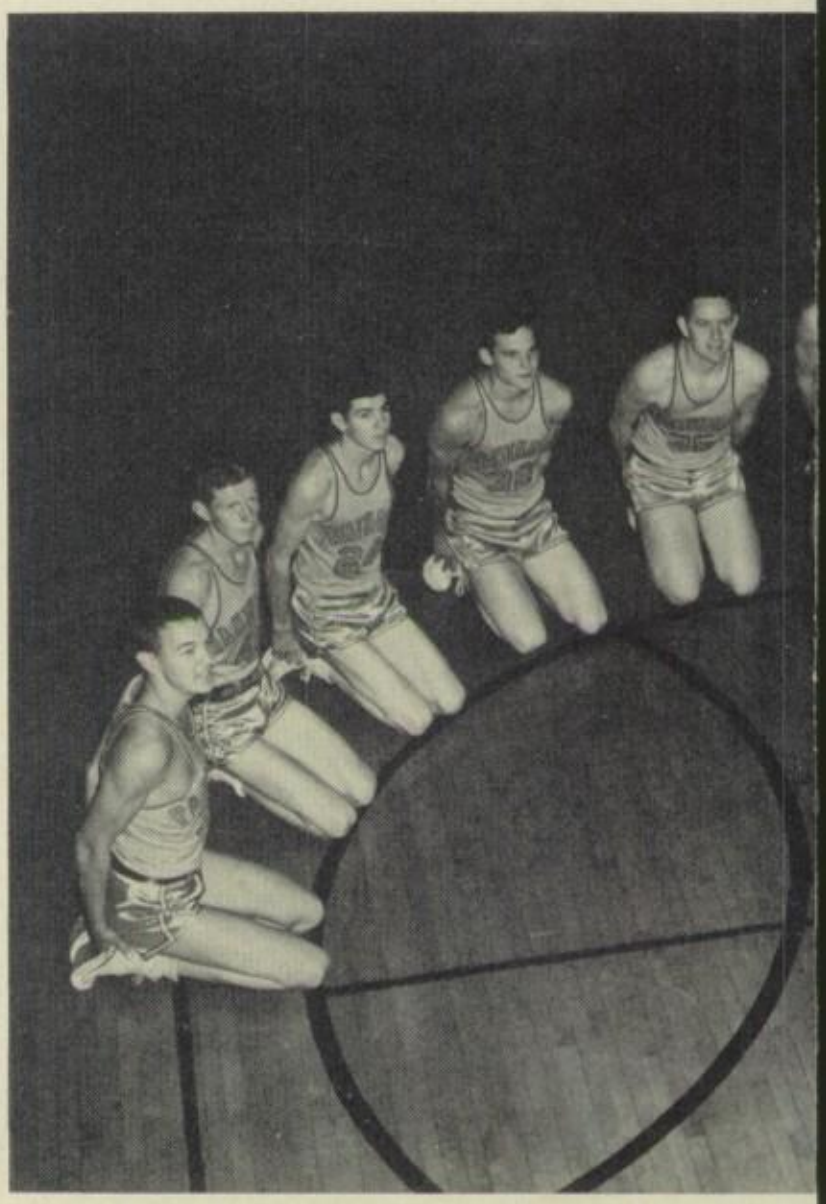

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Howard Ray
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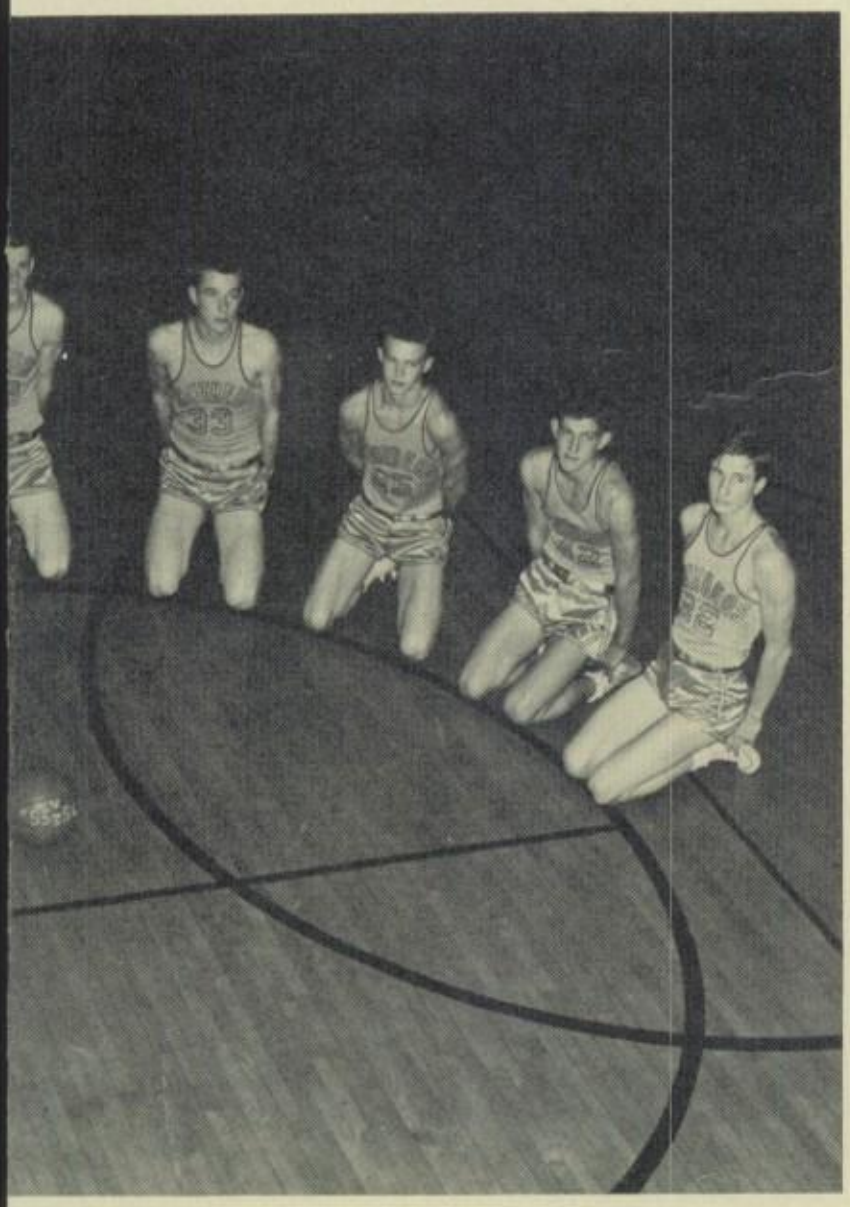
Lynn Maney
Ray Elingburg

Basketball



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Joel Corn
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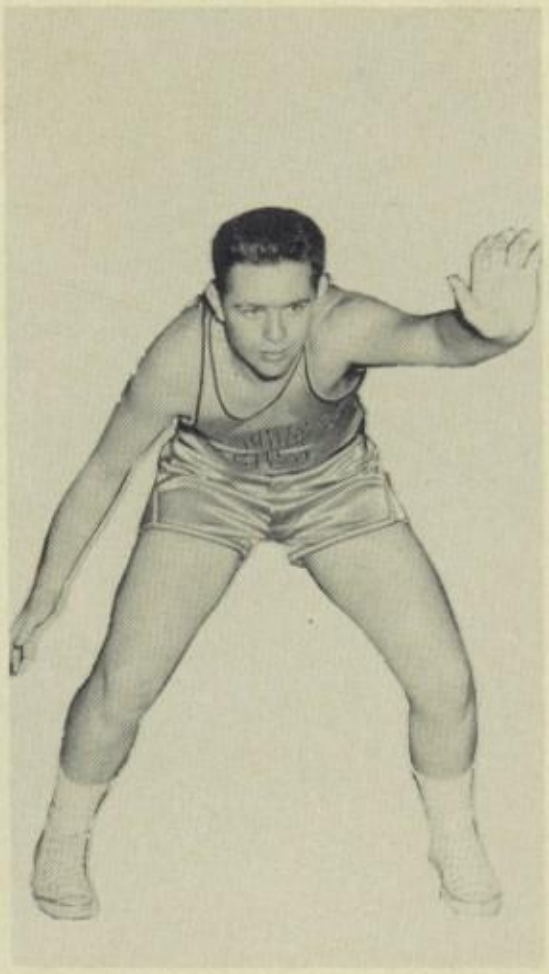
David Ducker
David Mallory
Everette Young



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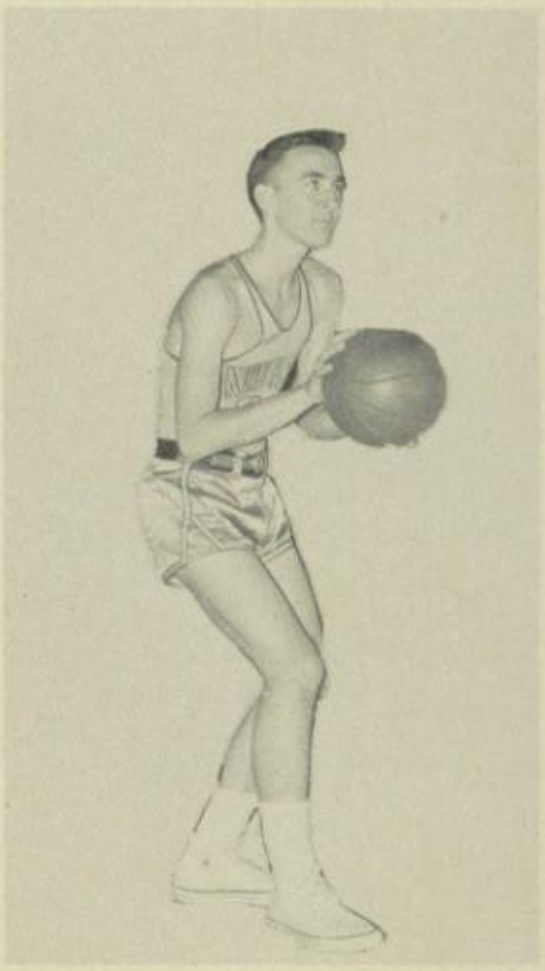

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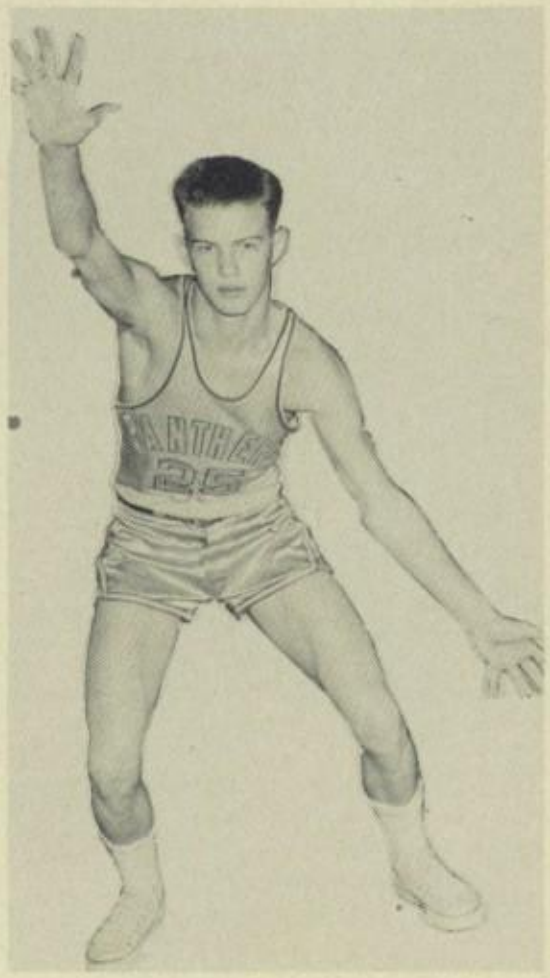


Guard
Lynn Maney

Roy Israel
Left Field

Charles Elingburg
Second Base

Fred Israel
Right Field

Ray Elingburg
Short Stop

Leon Metcalf
Second Base

Bobby Smart
Second Base

Jack Johnson
Third Base

Wolfy Unger
Pitcher

Buddy Baldwin
Pitcher

Bill Norteman
First Base

David Ducker
Right Field

Steve Nesbitt
Outfield

Tommy Holbert
Center Field

Lynn Maney
Catcher

Billy Luther
Out Field

Judy Hollifield

Anita Dumas

Ann Weir

Shannon Cochrane

Cheerleaders

ALTERNATES

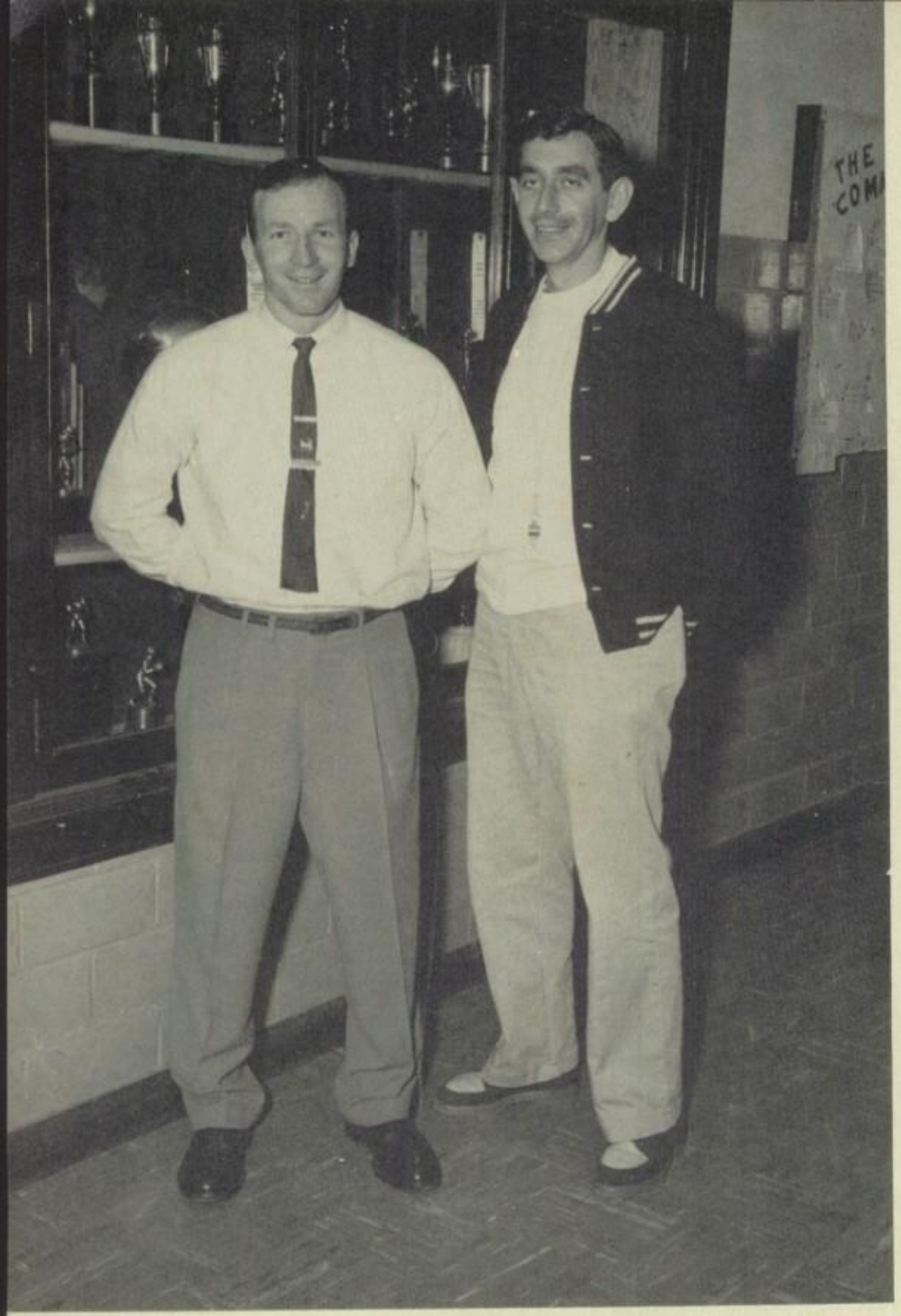
Janet Cauble
Martha Price

Jo Ann Banks

Pat Campbell

Pat Hardie

Shirley Devonshire



Coaches

The Skylark Staff pays tribute to the ones, who, through their experience, ability, and friendly attitude, have led the Valley Springs ball teams to many victories and have developed our teams into two of the most outstanding in Buncombe County.

They are, our very capable coaches:

Mr. Max Rhodes
Mr. Don Tomberlin

Schedule

County Conference

Leicester	Erwin
Biltmore	Owen
Enka	Reynolds

North Buncombe

Non - Conference

Mars Hill
Mills River
Fines Creek

the key to HONORS

Features

Superlatives

Jack Stepp and Ann Weir
Best All Around
"Hold thy lighted lamps on high,
Be a star in someone's sky."

Clark Lisenbee and Pat Hardie
Most Popular
"Like the sun, they shine everywhere."

Edith Buckner and Obie Moore
Most Talented
"Genuis does what it must,
Talent does what it can."

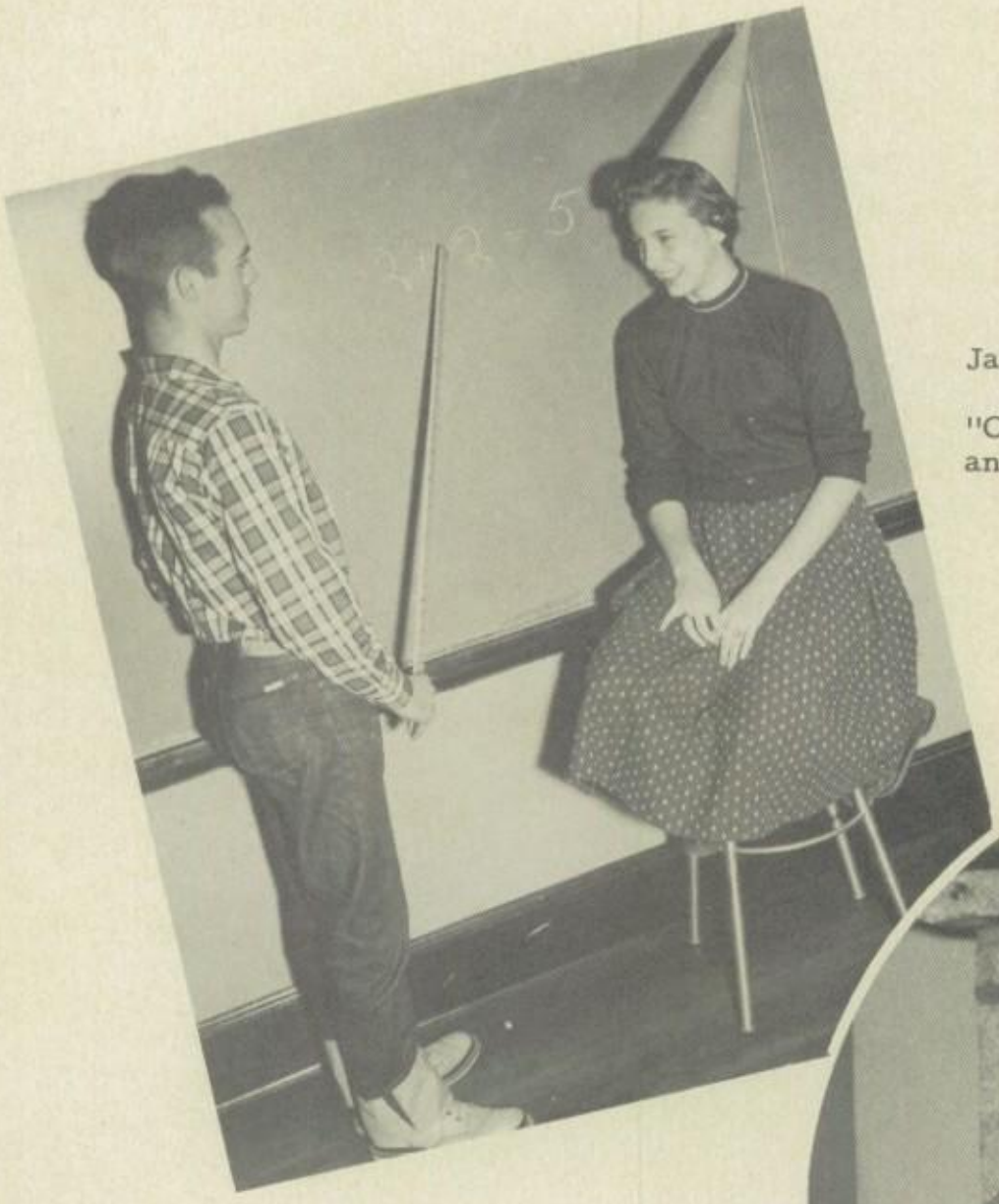
Superlatives

Pat Campbell and G. B. Gasperson
Wittiest
"True wit is nature to advantage dress'd;
What oft was thought, but ne're so
well expressed."

Bill Norteman and Ola Thain
Most Talkative
"Not finished, just begun."

Franklin Jones and Joan DuBose
Most Likely To Succeed
"Success is relative,
The closer the relative, the
greater the success."

Superlatives



Jack Stepp and Shannon Cochrane
Most Intellectual
"Common sense is instinct,
and enough of it is genius."

Robert Ball and Gail Haney
Most Attractive
"What would life be without looks?"

Pat Hardie and Bill Norteman
Best Personality
"It matters not what you are thought
to be, but what you are."

Superlatives

Clark Lisenbee and Elizabeth Tomberlin
Neatest
"Let all things be done decently and in order."

Elaine Lance and Roy Isreal
Most Athletic
"The reward of a thing well done is
to have done it."

G. B. Gasperson and Betty Lou Hollifield
Most Dependable
"To be steadfast and in whatever we do."

SENIOR DANCE TEAM

High school members of team.

Valley Springs Square Dance Teams

JUNIOR DANCE TEAM

ENTERTAINMENT

Wylma Brown, Edith Buckner, Betty Lou Hollifield

Junior-Senior Banquet

Tommy Ann Clontz, Betty Ledbetter, Jack Stepp, G. B. Gasperson

SPEAKERS

LUNCHROOM WORKERS

(Left to Right): Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Layman, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Maynor, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Lewis (Not pictured), Mrs. Cordell

(Left to Right): Frank Ducker, Furman Ingle, Bruce Layman, James Anthony, Hugh Sizemore, Warren Burleson, Jack Stepp, Calvin Metcalf. Janitors: Frank Ducker and Bruce Layman

BUS DRIVERS AND JANITORS

The halls are empty;
The lockers are bare.
The books are closed;
The desks are vacant.

It is spring, the seniors have accepted
The key of life to unlock doors
To futures uncertain, but sure.

Senior Statistics

Betty Mae Bagwell
"Shug"

"Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman."

Glee Club 2,3; FHA 1,2; French Club 2,3; Dramatics 4; Band 1; Piano 1,2,3; Skylark 4;

Robert Lee Ball
"Bud"

"Such masters, such men."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3; Class Officer 4; Skylark 4; Dramatics 4; Citizenship Award 3.

Lucy Victoria Blythe
"Vickey"

"There's nothing insignificant, absolutely nothing."

FHA 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3; Shorthand Club 3; Basketball 3,4; Dramatics 4;

Edith Dorothy Buckner
"Edie"

"She is not made to be the admiration of all, but the happiness of one."

FHA 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Bus Patrol 1,2, 3,4; Band 1,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Highlight 4; Skylark 4; 4-H 3,4;

Patricia Louise Campbell
"Pat"

"Cheerful looks make every dish a feast, and that it is, which crowns a friend."

Highlight 4; Skylark 4; French Club 3,4; Bus Patrol 1,2,4; Dramatics 4; Cheerleader 2,4;

Tommy Ann Clontz
"Tommy"

"Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great."

FHA 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1; French Club 2,3; Class Officer 1; Dramatics 4; Highlight 3; Skylark 4; Art Club 1; Piano 2; Debating Club 4.

Beverly Shannon Cochrane

"Some are born great; some achieve greatness; and some have greatness thrust upon them."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3,4; Highlight 1, 2,3; Editor 4; Skylark 4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; French Club 3,4; Art Club 1; Dramatics 4;

Joan Frances Conner
"Willie"

"Little things console me because little things afflict me."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3; Highlight 4; Skylark 4; FHA 1; Debating Club 4; Art Club 1; Bus Patrol 2,4; Dramatics 4.

Clarence Vernon Cordell

"Actions are ours; their consequences belong to heaven."

FFA 1,2,3,4; President 1; Basketball 2,3; Baseball 1,2; French Club 3.

Shirley Ann Creasman

"Grace is to the body, what good sense is to the mind."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Dramatics 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Bus Patrol 1,3,4;

Joan Patricia DuBose
"Joanie"

"To have ideals is to gather flowers; to think, is to weave them into garlands."

Student Patrol 3; FHA 1,3,4; 4-H 1; Skylark 1,2; Editor 4; Highlight 3,4; Dramatics 4; Glee Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,3; Art Club 1; Declamation Contest 1.

George Balas Gasperson
"G. B."

"Judge of a man by his questions rather than by his answers."

FFA 1,2,3,4; French Club 2; Dramatics 4; Highlight 1,4; Skylark 4; Baseball 1,2; Glee Club 2,3,4; Banquet Speaker 3.

Annis Gail Haney
"Blondie"

"When a girl ceases to blush, she has lost the most powerful charm of her beauty."

FHA 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Bus Patrol 2, 3; 4-H 2,3; Basketball 2,4; Dramatics 4.

Senior Statistics

Patricia Yvonne Hardie
"Pat"

"The odor is the rose; the smile, the woman."

FHA 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Skylark Advertising Manager 4; Cheerleader 2, 3,4; 4-H 4; French Club 2,3; Bus Patrol 3,4;

Frank Harmon

"The uncertain glory of an April day."

Glee Club 1; 4-H Club; FFA 4.

Cordelia Louise Higgins
"De-yer"

"She is an acme of things accomplished, and an enclosure of things to be."

FHA 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3; 4-H 1; French Club 3; Declamation Contest 1; Dramatics 4; Skylark Literary Editor 4; Highlight 3,4; Debating Club 4.

Charles Perry Hogsed
"Hogseed"

"The red, sweet wine of youth--is he."

FFA 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3; Glee Club 4; Dramatics 4; Skylark 4.

Betty Lou Hollifield
"Bet"

"The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and reflects it."

FHA 1, Pres. 2. County officer 3,4; French Club 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Citizenship Award 2,3; Dramatics 4; Highlight 2,3; Skylark Assoc. Ed. 4; Bus Patrol 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Family Life Conf. 3;

Roy Randall Isreal

"The highest manhood resides in disposition, not in mere intellect."

Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2, 3,4; Class Officer 4; Skylark 4; Dramatics 4;

James Franklin Jones
"Jimmy"

"Limited in his nature, infinite in his desires."

FFA 1,2,3,4; French Club 2,3; Dramatics 4; Skylark 4; Citizenship award 1,2;

Carolyn Yvonne Kale

"A girl never bold; of spirit so still and quiet, that her motion blushed at herself."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4.

Boyce Ray Kanupp
"Nutt"

"Ideals are the world's masters."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4.

Ethel Mae Kyle
"Et"

"A dew-drop of celestial melody--is she."

FHA 1,2; French Club 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Highlight 3,4; Skylark 4; Dramatics 4; 4-H 1.

Ruth Elaine Lance
"Lulu"

"A beautiful smile is to the female countenance what the sunbeam is to the landscape."

FHA 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; French Club 3,4; Student Patrol 2; Basketball 2,3,4; Dramatics 4;

Betty Joyce Ledbetter

"In character, in manner, in style, in all things the supreme excellence is simplicity."

Bus Patrol 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3; 4-H 1,2,3,4; Spelling Contest 2, Winner 3; Skylark Circulation Manager 4; Banquet Speaker 3; Glee Club 2,3,4; French Club 2,3; Dramatics 4.

William Clark Lisenbee
"Fat Boy"

"Man is the merriest species of the creation; all above or below him are serious."

Class Pres. 1,2; Glee Club 2,3,4; President 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Girls' Manager 1; Baseball 1,2; Highlight 4; Skylark 4; French Club, Pres. 3; Dramatics 4;

Calvin Metcalf

"Much wisdom goes with the fewest words."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Bus Driver 4; Dramatics 4.

Senior Statistics

Leon Monroe Metcalf
"Bo"

"Variety alone gives joy; the sweetest meats the soonest cloy."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Dramatics 4;

Norma Jeannette Middleton
"Norm"

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshened into smiles."

FHA 1,2; French Club 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3, 4; Class Officer 3; Skylark 4; Highlight 3; Piano 2.

Obie Warren Moore
"Ob"

"Men of talent are men for occasions."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3; French Club 2; Baseball 2,3; Band 2,3,4; Dramatics 4;

William Ernest Norteman, Jr.
"Bill"

"The youth of the soul is everlasting and eternity is youth."

French Club 3,4; Debating Club 4; Baseball 2,3,4; Basketball 1, 4; Highlight 4; Skylark 4; Football 1;

Beverly Ruth Price
"Bev"

"How shall I do to love?
Believe.
How shall I do to believe?
Love."

FHA 1,2; French Club 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Highlight 3,4; Skylark 4; Dramatics 4; Piano 2,3.

George Conwell Shipman
"Tarzan"

"His life dancing on the edges of time like dew on the tip of a leaf."

FFA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Highlight 4; Bus Patrol 4; Bus Driver 3.

Jacky Joe Stepp
"Stepp"

"Common-sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."

FFA Officer 1,2,3,4; Class Officer President 3,4; French Club 2,3; Bus Driver 3,4; Banquet Speaker 3; Dramatics 4;

Ola Avera Thain
"Butch"

"Melancholy attends the best joys of an ideal life."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2,3; 4-H 1; Bus Patrol 3, 4; Dramatics 4; French Club 2,3; Debating Club-Pres. 4; Skylark 4; Highlight 3,4;

Elizabeth Ann Tomberlin
"Lib"

"The laughter of girls is and ever was, among the delightful sounds of earth."

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; FHA 1,2; Highlight 4; Skylark 4; French Club 3,4; Bus Patrol 2; Debating Club 4; Dramatics 4;

Elvenia Maxine Treadway
"Mac"

"Thinking is the talking of the soul."

FHA 1,2,3; French Club 2,3; Bus Patrol 4; Dramatics 4.

Ann Gibson Weir
"Annie"

"Youth, with swift feet walks onward in the way, the land of joy lies all before her eyes."

FHA 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Highlight 3,4; Skylark 4; French Club 3,4; Dramatics 4.

Last Will And Testament

We, the senior class of Valley Springs High, of the year 1955-56, realizing that our high school days are speedily drawing to a close and desiring to make a disposal of all our valuable possessions that they may be of use to those who follow in our footsteps, do hereby draw up this, our Last Will and Testament.

Section I

To Mr. Ensley, we leave a never exhausted supply of aspirins.

To Mrs. Dunn, we leave our love and appreciation for all her labors.

To Mr. Sizemore, we leave a human guinea pig on which to test his sociology theories.

To Mrs. Morgan, we leave our regrets that none of us had the opportunity to profit from her teachings.

To Mr. May, we leave peace and tranquility, since Bill Norteman is graduating.

To Miss Stevens, we leave either a million dollars or a man, we couldn't decide which.

To Mr. Moore, we leave all the geometry compasses and protractors used by the seniors--they're worn out anyway.

To Mr. Rhodes, we leave a wife to booster his courage when it is low.

To Mr. Tomberlin, we leave an energy-saving scooter.

To Mrs. Baldwin, we leave a shorthand class with no questions to be asked.

To Mr. Nesbitt, we leave a public address system.

Section II

I, Joan Conner, leave my vast vocabulary and distinct accent to Joyce Shipman and Betty McMinn.

I, Ethel Kyle, leave my petite figure to Bill Pinner.

I, Gail Haney, leave my side of all questions to Ray Elingburg and Ned Ray.

I, G. B. Gasperson, leave my ability to win an argument from Mrs. Baldwin to Dorothy Corn and Virginia Bishop.

I, Pat Campbell, leave my ever-present supply of gossip to Mary Jo Treadway and Kenneth Pack.

I, Betty Lou Hollifield, leave my nack for popping gum to Deborah Finch and Helen Hart.

I, Ann Creasman, leave my "super sun tan" to Shirley Ann Greene.

I, Beverly Price, leave all my old flames to Mazie Gordon and Caroline Metcalf.

I, George Shipman, leave my muscular abilities to Kay Ward.

I, Robert Ball, leave my black curly locks to George Lance and Sara Lou Penix.

I, Ann Weir, leave my happy-go-lucky ways to Patsy Williams and Bill Creasman.

I, Norma Middleton, leave my ability to always have a beau to Nancy Roberts.

I, Clark Lisenbee, leave a sheet of paper (and a clean one at that) to Charles Ducker.

I, Leon Metcalf, leave my Santa Claus appearance to Lane Coggins.

I, Edith Buckner, leave one of my many diamonds to Sarah Brown.

I, Betty Bagwell, leave my ability of always having my homework to Howard Ray.

I, Roy Israel, leave my girl friend in care of Bill McGuire.

I, Yvonne Kale, leave my dimples to Gerald Moore.

I, Betty Ledbetter, leave my speaking and spelling ability to Janet Cauble.

I, Charles Hogsed, leave my shoe shine and heel taps to Anita Dumas and Bill Moore.

I, Maxine Treadway, leave my ability to always ask questions to Virginia Shell.

I, Elaine Lance, leave my quiet, cunning ways to Gale Gasperson.

I, Jack Stepp, leave my privilege to be absent from class so often to Carole Spooner and Steve West.

I, Tommy Ann Clontz, leave my quietness and good disposition to Betty Young.

I, Ola Thain, leave all of my curiosity to Steve Greene and Patricia Metcalf.

I, Elizabeth Tomberlin, leave my many giggles and laughs to Martha Jane Pittilo.

I, Bill Norteman, leave my innocent look in Mrs. Dunn's class to Barbara Vick and Peggy Williams.

I, Obie Moore, leave my musical talent to Nina Sue Cornwell and Charlie Carland.

I, Shannon Cochrane, leave my job, and the headaches, too, on the "Highlight" to Barbara Greene.

I, Joan DuBose, leave my genuine drawl to Donna Ann Ledbetter.

I, Pat Hardie, leave my sparkling smile to David Mallory.

I, Cordelia Higgins, leave my bashful but friendly ways to Gordon Knight and Betty Gasperson.

I, Franklin Jones, leave my truly gentlemanly characteristics to David Ducker.

I, Boyce Kanupp, leave my natural blond hair and fair complexion to Mary Jo Reagan.

WE, Vernon Cordell and Frank Harmon leave our male charm to Lynn Maney.

Duly Witnessed by: Class of 1956 (SEAL)
Betty Ledbetter Cordelia Higgins
Betty Bagwell Testator

Class Prophecy

In the summer of 1975, after I had finished my college education, I started on a trip around the world. On my way through India, I met a very interesting Hindu, who said he could tell me anything that was happening in other parts of the world. Since I had not heard from my high school class mates after graduation, I asked to be told about them. He consented very graciously and by means of his magic crystal related to me the following things.

He told me, first of all, that our very dignified president, Jack Stepp, has filled Clark Gable's place so capably that the movie directors are considering making another Gone With The Wind. Dependable, Franklin Jones is now chief warden at State Penitentiary. I was not surprised to learn that our Patrick Henry, G. B. Gasperson, is a very influential member of the United States Senate. He told me that Elizabeth Tomberlin is an Internal Revenue Agent and was recently subpoenaed before Senator Gasperson's subcommittee for income tax evasion, but fortunately was cleared of the charges. George Shipman's gospel recordings are now as well loved as those of George Beverly Shea. Cute Yvonne Kale is a bare back rider with Ringling Brothers Circus. After a tragic love affair Ethel Kyle has settled down to a nursing career. Joan Conner did very well as a commercial artist and is now an antique dealer in New York.

I was surprised to find Tommy Ann Clontz is the head of the Control of Termite Department, which is located in Cedarwood, Washington and has as her assistant none other than, Norma Middleton. Pat Campbell has succeeded Louella Parsons as Hollywood's gossip gatherer.

To my great delight the Hindu said that Betty Ledbetter has opened a modeling school in Asheville and was very successful. Betty Lou Hollifield, who loved the wide opened spaces, is a dude ranch owner in Texas. Robert Ball is Liberace's personal valet.

I was told that Clark Lisenbee is doing quite well for himself; he recently struck oil in his own back yard. Beverly Price is operating a beauty shop in Florida, specializing in pedicures for pigeon-toed women. Charles Hogsed is a private detective, who was recently awarded the Joe Blow Prize for his detection of the activities of the termites.

Ann Weir has become the most popular mayor Asheville has ever had; she recently ordered the traffic on Patton Avenue blocked after 7:00 P.M. to permit street dancing.

Pat Hardie, thrice wed, is operating a profitable tomb stone business. Shannon Cochrane is an archeologist with the Smithsonian Institute.

Hollywood sure has its share of 1956 graduates, Calvin Metcalf and Boyce Kanupp have made their movie debut in a male version of "How to be Very, Very Popular."

Bill Norteman has made a record for himself as one of the Navy's crack (not cracked) pilots. Since he and Roy Israel liked to disagree, Roy is now holding a post in the Army. Betty Bagwell has organized her own jazz band and has Ola Thain and Leon Metcalf as her soloists.

The Hindu also told me that most of the freakish looking hats that women are wearing are designed by one Joan DuBose, who was once a conservative child. Vickey Blythe and Ann Creasman, our athletes, have both received fame. Vickey is an all-time favorite lady wrestler and has announced her engagement to Mr. Motto. Ann was recently proclaimed "Miss Hercules" of 1965. After all the energy spent in high school, Edith Buckner is a mattress tester for the Beautyrest Mattress Company.

The clairvoyant saw that Obie Moore and Frank Harmon are public accountants and know how to deal with figures--proof: their pretty secretaries.

Gail Haney didn't join the Navy, instead, she is married and living in a house boat on Lake James. Maxine Treadway has taken Read Wilson's place at WWNC.

The crystal was growing dim, but I knew there was one missing. The Hindu began rubbing frantically; then it was clearer. Elaine Lance has started on her road to fame; her patented neck stretcher has hit the market with a bang. After this, the ball was dark.

I thanked the Hindu for his kindness and with a lifted spirit continued on my journey.

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(I hope I am) Best
of luck to you
Love
Debbie

Dear Debbie
I give my best
wishes to a cute
gal.
Gordon
Knight

Debbie.
I have enjoyed
singin with you in
the Spanish Club.
Best of luck to a
sweet gal.
Love you lots
Mazie Landon

Debbie, you are one of the
sweetest girls I have
ever met. You are a
smart kid too. The best
of luck I wish you in
everything
you do.
Love,
Kay

Debbie,
Lots of luck in
everything you attempt
and may the best
always be yours.
Love,
Donna Ann

Lots of good luck
and best wishes. I
hope you have lots
of success.
Steve Greene

Autographs

Dear Cary
I wish you all
the best in the world.
Best Wishes always.
Toby

Debbie,
May all
your dreams
come true.

Lots of luck
to a real nice
kid. [redacted]
Best Wishes

Lots of luck and
happiness now and
always to a real
nice and outgoing
who can't count.
Love,
Dorothy Jean

Deborah,
I have enjoyed
going to school with
you. You are a
real sweet girl.
Love.
Patti

Deborah,
It has been a pleasure
to be in Spanish with
you this past year.
Best wishes always.
Love, Carol

Deborah
I have enjoyed
being in school with
you all these years. Best
of luck in all you do.
Love Sara

Debbie,
I have enjoyed going
to school with you.
Best of Luck &
Lots of Happiness.
Love,
Stella

Deborah
Best of Luck to
a very outstanding
student.
Arthur Balk

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May luck
go with you ever
Billy Moore

You are a very
nice girl, and I
have enjoyed knowing
you, may the best
of everything come your
way. Love always
a friend
Geraldine.

Dear Deborah,
I have enjoyed going to school
with you, and especially being in
"American Democracy" class with
you. It was fun? wasn't it.
Best of luck.
Joan DuBose

Deborah,
May you always
have the best of
luck in life.

Love always,
Virginia K. Shell

Dear Deborah,
may you always
have the best
of life has
that to offer. Keep
smiling. I am
sure your
future will
be a bright
one. Lots of luck
Love
Mary Jo

Best
Wishes
Jeanette

I truly wish
you all the luck
in the world.
Gerald Moore

Deborah,
Lots of luck to a
nice girl whom I
think is a Brick.
Best wishes
Sincerely

Deborah,
I hope we
have a wonderful
coming year as a
senior. Best wishes
to a real sweet girl.
Love,
Carol

Good luck to a sweet girl. Best of everything too.

Pat Hardie

"Debbie"

I have certainly enjoyed knowing you. Remember the dances at Calvery weren't they fun.

Love,
Ann Wie

Best always to a sweet girl.

Candelia Higgins

Deborah, may you have all the luck, happiness, and success in the world.

Irene Hale

Lots of luck to a swell and talented girl.

Mary

May the best of luck be with you always.

Shirley Ann

Best of Luck always,

Martha Jane

May you always have success and happiness. I enjoyed all three years in school with you.

Love,
Ann C.

Deborah,

You are a real cute chick and alot of fun. Keep that sweet disposition and you will go far in life. Love ya always, "Butch" (Beth)

Deborah,

You are loads of fun! I will always remember the good times we had in Amer. Dem.

Make the most of your senior year. You will never forget it.

Good luck!

Love,
Betty Ledbetter

Deborah,

You're a very sweet and nice girl and I hope you stay that way!

Best of luck!

Mary Jo

Good luck in future years.

Deborah.

I wish you all the luck in the world. I hope your future years will be fruitful ones and may you continue to be as nice as you are now. It has been a pleasure being with you in school.

Best wishes
Jackie

Dear Deborah,

We have had so very much fun together. I wish you could go to Raleigh with us this year. We are going to have so very much fun. Next year we will be, if we make it, dignified seniors. Mother said this morning that one if one of us got terribly sick the other one would too. May you not get your man so I can have him. We will have fun working on the J-S banquet this year. I think I'll still bleach my hair. I hope we have as much fun next year. I'm looking forward to it. Well, I can't seem to think of anything else so I'll shut up for now.

Always,
Helen

Debbie,
RS been fun knowing you this past year. Have fun while it's here. Best year. Best Wishes.
Love,
Betty B.

Boat of everything
to a very nice girl

Gary.

Debbie,
I'm really lucky to you for my friend because you are such a sweet girl. I have really enjoyed going to school with you and I hope to have you in most of the classes I'm in next year.
You're a sweet girl
personality. Ole J. of love,
Deborah

It has been fun knowing you. I hope you have lots of success and happiness.
Love,
Elaine

Dear Deborah
I have enjoyed being one of your classmates. You are a very sweet girl
May you have the best of everything
Love,
Barbara

Best wishes
and lots of luck to
a cute little girl.

Debbie,
I think you are
a very cute kid. Just
keep on living the way
you are now and I know
you'll succeed in life.
Good Luck & Best Wishes
Love,
Gail

Best of luck to a
real cute girl. Beverly

Good luck to a nice girl,
Edward

"Debbie", We sure have had some swell times this year and I wish there could be several (a dozen). Lots of luck to a real nice school mate I hope to see you next year.
Steve

Best Wishes to a very sweet girl.
Carolene

Deborah,
I have had a lot of fun in Spanish class this year and I wish you a lot of luck.
Love,
Janet

Debbie
You are a real nice girl and have enjoyed practicing with you for the recital.
Karen

Debra,
American Democracy would not be the same without you. You are a very nice Girl. Good Luck in everything you do.
Billy Latter

Best of luck to a nice girl and may you enjoy success in whatever you do.
Ray C.

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